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DEADLINE FOR FEEDBACK ON GM FOOD NORMS EXTENDED

People can now submit feedback on the draft regulations till Feb 5, the FSSAI said on Monday. Original deadline was Jan 15

DECISION AFTER PRESSURE FROM RSS OUTFIT

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)'s decision to push the last date comes in the wake of protests from anti-GM groups, activists, farmers and NGOs. Last week, the RSS-affiliated Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM), too, put its weight behind the anti-GM campaign shooting off a letter to the FSSAI asking it to withdraw its "irresponsible" proposals

BLANKET NOD FOR USE AS INGREDIENT?

- SJM co-convenor Ashwani Mahajan also launched an online campaign highlighting GM food's impact on health and nature
- According to the draft norms, once the FSSAI grants approval, no other clearance is required for GM food to be used as an ingredient in any product, except infant food | P9

Nov 15, 2021

WHEN THE FSSAI RELEASED THE DRAFT GUIDELINES ON GM FOOD

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Drone strike kills 2 Indians in UAE

Trouble to escalate after first attack by Houthi rebels, as Gulf nation says it has a right to respond

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

IT's called the safest country in the Gulf region. Yet, three people, including two Indians, were killed in a drone attack near the Abu Dhabi airport on Monday. The terror message was clear — don't think the UAE is a safe place to live and work any longer.

Yemen-based Houthi rebels claimed responsibility for the attack. Tension in the region is set to rise as the UAE has vowed to retaliate. "This terrorist attack by the Houthi militia on areas and civilian facilities on Emirati soil... will not go unpunished," UAE foreign ministry said.

A Pakistani national also died in the explosion. All the three deceased were employees of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc). Six others were hurt in the attack but are out of danger.

Iran-backed rebels

Yemen's Houthi rebels have claimed responsibility for the attack in UAE. The Houthis, backed by Iran, have in the past launched several cross-border missile and drone attacks on Saudi Arabia but this is the first time they are claiming an attack deep inside Emirates. Monday's attack is reportedly a retaliation against the Saudi-led coalition's offensive against the Houthis

The identity of those killed could not be immediately known and the authorities were working on it, India's Ambassador to the UAE Sunjay Sudhir told this newspaper on phone. He also sought to downplay concerns saying that the UAE, which is home to around 35 lakh Indians, is a safe place.

According to reports, booby-trapped drones hit Adnoc's storage facility at Mussafah industrial area near the airport, triggering multiple explosions. Three petroleum tankers exploded in the fire.

The industrial area is just 22 km from the city centre and has an oil pipeline network including 36 storage tanks, from which heavy vehicles transport fuel across the country.

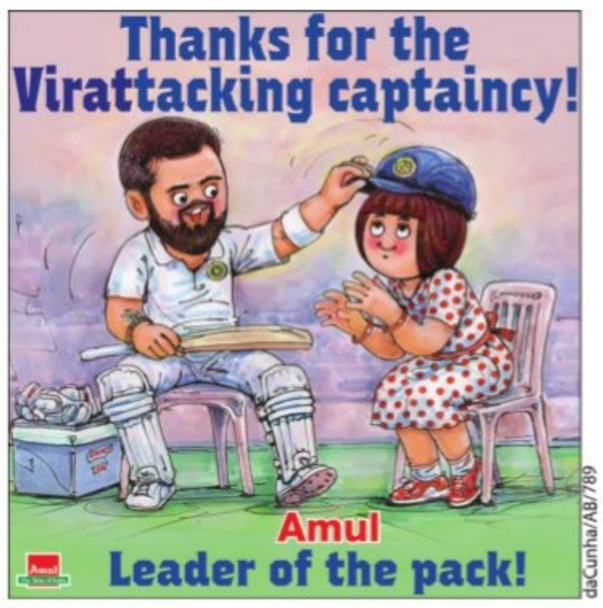
The UAE is a key member of the Saudi-led coalition that has waged war against the Houthis since 2015. The Houthis had recently threatened to launch strikes against the UAE after losing the energy-rich Shabwa province to the coalition. The province is a strategic asset as it has significant oil and gas fields as well as two ports for exporting energy.

It's not just the Houthis who were targeting the UAE. The Emirate was facing threats from Shia militias in Iraq as well, suggesting that Monday's attack could have been well orchestrated.

Saudi-led coalition had issued a statement that they had destroyed three drones in southern Saudi Arabia. However, it provided no evidence to substantiate the claims. It has been targeted by Yemen through drones and missiles.

IRON ORE COURT ORDERS LIVE BIDDING OF STOCK

The illegal iron ore shipped from Ballari in the mid-2000s has been lying in the ports of Baithkol and Belekere in Karwar following a CBI inquiry into the illegality | P4

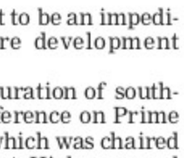


Laws on inter-state water disputes must change: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday insisted that the Union government should do away with certain legal provisions in interstate river water disputes to ensure faster environmental clearances to speed up projects which are in the pipeline.

"It is possible to draw more investments for infrastructure development by simplifying environment and forest department clearances and rules in the finance ministry," Bommai said, advocating the need to revisit the rules governing inter-state water disputes which are delaying implementation of irrigation projects.



He stressed that maximum utility of river basins by using technology, keeping aside politics, will create a win-win situation for all riparian states. With this, all stakeholders will become a party to the solution instead of the problem, he said.

"Environmental laws are turning out to be an impediment for speeding up infrastructure development projects," he pointed out.

Bommai's was speaking at the inauguration of southern zone chief ministers' virtual conference on Prime Minister's 'Gati Shakthi' programme, which was chaired by Union Minister for Surface Transport, Highways and MSMEs Nitin Gadkari. His statements acquire significance in the wake of Mekedatu balancing reservoir project for which the environmental clearance is still pending. Analysts said it is also significant for Mahadayi project.

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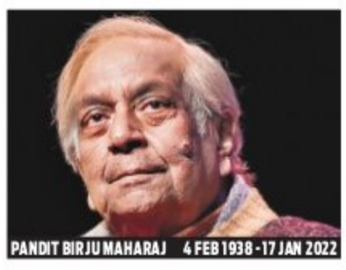
SYNONYM OF KATHAK, COMPLETE KALAKAAR



PANDIT BIRJU MAHARAJ 4 FEB 1938 - 17 JAN 2022

WHEN Maharaj ji accepted my invite to take a workshop at my home in Connecticut, I was very nervous. But much to our surprise, he turned out to be a simple man immersed in dance and music. He would eat home-made food, make sketches on paper and after the workshop even invite all parents and sing for them. When a life opens up before you like that how does one start to describe it!

Pandit Birju Maharaj was a legend in his lifetime, a synonym for Kathak and a complete *Kalakaar*, an artist par excellence. Born as Brij Mohan Mishra in the illustrious family of Ishwari Prasad, with Kalka-Bindadin Maharaj as his grandfathers and Achhan Maharaj as his father, he further added tremendously to the repertoire of his heritage.

NEELIMA BERI
Director of Kalaleen Center for Traditional Learning

Maharaj ji passed away in Delhi on Monday. He was 83. Maharaj ji started his *taalim* from his father at a very tender age, but he was only nine when his father passed away. He then learnt from his illustrious uncles, Shambhu Maharaj and Lachhu Maharaj. They had very different styles of dancing, one placing emphasis on the masculine style and the other on the feminine (Lasya). He told us stories of how he had to keep their styles different for maintaining peace with his uncles.

In 1953, Kapila Vatsyayan, a disciple of Achhan Maharaj, called Birju to Delhi to work at Sangeet Bharati. He would go to the school every morning and do his *riyaaz* in a store room for 4-5 hours till the sweat of his feet made the floor slippery. Then he would try his hands at various instruments in the store.

When he was 19-20, Maharaj ji joined the Bharatiya Kala Kendra and started creating a grammar for understanding every movement. He introduced many new *sams*, the ending pose of a dancer. All these experiments were very well received by the audience during the late 50s and early 60s. He also choreographed many successful dance dramas.

Maharaj ji later joined Kathak Kendra. As he had many international students, he simplified his compositions by making them numerical. He broke long rhythmic compositions into playful words for kids. Many of his complicated *tihais* (polyrhythmic technique) were made playful for the audience while retaining their complexities.

Maharaj ji performed extensively all over India and abroad and recalled many hilarious incidents from this time. One particularly memorable one was at Jhansi. The rowdy crowd was brought under control by him by making an extempore piece of Rani of Jhansi fighting the British.

Maharaj ji then set up his institute, Kalashram. He was very fond of spicy street food and *malai* of Lucknow. He loved my *paranthas* and called me *paranthewali* for quite some time. He also loved gadgets of all types but not in black colour. He was also the first Kathak artist to receive the Padma Vibhushan.

New Covid cases dip in state; Bommai rules out lockdown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE number of fresh Covid cases added to the tally in Karnataka dipped to 27,156 as compared to 34,047 the previous day despite the increased number of daily tests touching 2.17 lakh. With the lesser number of cases despite a high number of tests, the day positivity rate dipped to 12.45 per cent compared to the previous day's 19.29 per cent.

The state also reported 287 new Omicron cases taking the tally to 766.

Though it is too early to rejoice, the dip in the added number of cases and the day positivity rate is reported at a time when members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were expecting a peak in cases.

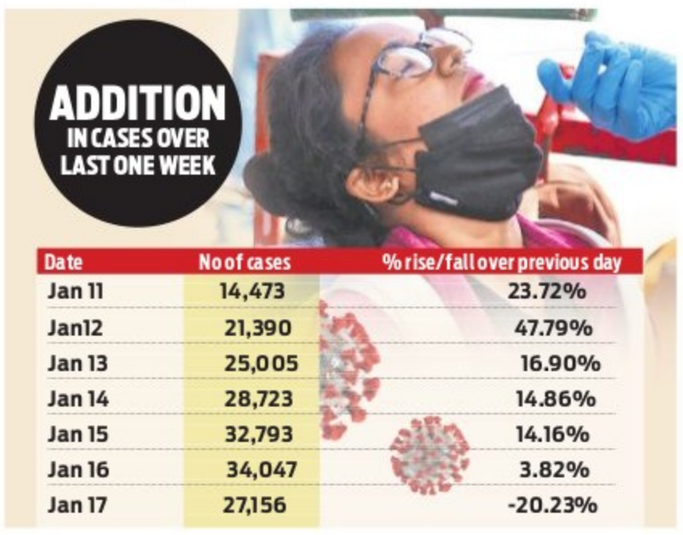
Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai held a meeting with health department officials, TAC members and concerned ministers on Monday to review the Covid curbs. But he has deferred the decision on reviewing night curfew and weekend curfew until Friday. Revenue Minister R Ashoka, however, hinted at relaxations if the trend in decline in cases and test positivity rate continues.

He reiterated that the chief minister clearly ruled out the option of imposing a lockdown and issued several instructions to ensure comprehensive management of Covid. P3

NATIONWIDE	JAN 16	JAN 17
Fresh cases	2,71,202	2,58,089
Recoveries	1,38,331	1,51,740
Deaths	314	385

KARNATAKA	JAN 16	JAN 17
Fresh cases	34,047	27,156
Recoveries	5,902	7,827
Deaths	13	14

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
January 16
39,46,348 doses
January 17
68,95,050 doses
TOTAL DOSES
1,57,91,63,478



Date	No of cases	% rise/fall over previous day
Jan 11	14,473	23.72%
Jan12	21,390	47.79%
Jan 13	25,005	16.90%
Jan 14	28,723	14.86%
Jan 15	32,793	14.16%
Jan 16	34,047	3.82%
Jan 17	27,156	-20.23%

Third wave wave ebbing in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata?

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THOUGH the ongoing third wave of Covid-19 continues to be building in the country, the curve in a few big cities may have started to bend.

An analysis of daily Covid cases and deaths in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata shows that the wave may have already peaked there.

Mumbai logged 7,895 new cases on Sunday; its figures have been declining since January 7 when the city had a whopping 20,971 fresh cases. The earlier one-day high for Mumbai was 11,163 cases, registered on April 4 last year during the second wave of the pandemic.

In Delhi, where the daily Covid cases had crossed 30,000 on two days late last week, less than 28,000 were recorded on Sunday. Though the number of tests, too, dropped a tad in the city, the good news is the fall in the test positivity rate (TPR) — under-28% now after crossing 30% earlier.

Kolkata, which had shown an explosive TPR of over 70% for several days, is also reporting a marginal decline. Also, the daily case count in the city is now under 6,000 as against 10,000-plus earlier.

A senior member of the national Covid-19 task force told this newspaper that the government is watching these numbers closely, adding the wave appears to be ebbing. "However, we will need to see the trend for about 10 days before reaching a conclusion," he said.

Health economist Rijo M John pointed out that at the national level, too, the most comforting factor is the low level of hospitalisation.

EXPRESS READ

India's growth will be green: PM

New Delhi/Davos: "India's growth for the next 25 years will be green and clean," Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said at the special address at the World Economic Forum's online Davos Agenda 2022 summit. P9

Polls in Punjab now on Feb 20

New Delhi: The Election Commission on Monday decided to hold the single-phase Assembly polls in Punjab on February 20 instead of February 14 in view of Guru Ravidas Jayanti. Several political parties had approached the EC to postpone the polls. P10

Negligence by staff led to kids' death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

THREE children from Ramdurg taluk in Belagavi district who died after taking measles rubella (MR) vaccine on January 12 were victims of negligence by the health staff, who violated basic vaccination guidelines, admitted Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) Ishwarappa Gadad, here on Monday.

He said, "The health staff from the Salahalli Primary Health Centre who had collected vaccines from the centre on January 10, were expected to bring back the unused vaccines to the centre the same day. But they kept the vaccine box with them and gave the vaccine shots to children on January 11 and 12. This mistake took the lives of innocent children."

The Salahalli PHC staff had kept the MR vaccines in a freezer at one of the hotels in the village, disrupting the cold chain of the vaccine. On January 11, they administered the vaccine at Mallapur, where one child -- Chetan Pujari, died the next day. On January 12, the staff vaccinated four children at Bochabal village. All the four developed symptoms of fever, vomiting and diarrhoea. Among them, Pavitra Hulagur died while being taken to hospital on January 13. CONTINUED ON: P5

China grew at 8.1% in 2021 on low base effect

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

CHINESE economy grew 8.1% in 2021, the fastest in 10 years, driven by low base effect. The annual growth rate is lower than economists' average estimates of 8.4%. However, GDP growth in the fourth quarter at 4% bettered analysts' expectation of 3.6%, data released on Monday showed.

Macroeconomic futures showed that fixed asset investments in 2021 grew 4.9%, beating expectations of a 4.8% growth. Investment in real estate rose 4.4%, while that in infrastructure was up 0.4%. Investment in manufacturing shot up by 13.5% in 2021 from a year ago. Industrial production registered a 4.3% year-on-year growth in December 2021 beating analyst's estimate of 3.6%.

Though the 2021 growth rate looks impressive, it is more a recovery from the Covid-driven slump in 2020, when growth had fallen to 2.2%. Analysts are not bullish on China as growth may slip again in future.

14 DISTS SHOW LOW SEX RATIO AT BIRTH

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

A technician in Mandya was caught red-handed for running a scanning centre where he conducted sex determination test on foetuses. To top it, he was not even a radiologist but an ordinary technician who learnt how to do scanning and opened his own centre. He also referred couples to some doctors who conducted illegal abortions.

Revealing this incident that took place a few months ago, Dr Chandrakala, Deputy Director, Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Section (PC&PNDT), Department of Health, said they seized the equipment and shut down the centre. But nothing happens to perpetrators as court cases take a long time, she said.

A combination of many such incidents is what has led to a decline in sex ratio at birth in 14 districts in the state. But overall, the sex ratio at birth (females per 1,000 males) has improved in the state from 979 in 2015-16 to 1,034 2019-20, shows the National Family Health Survey.

The 14 districts that have recorded low sex ratio are Belagavi, Bidar, Vijayapura,

Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagaluru, Dakshina Kannada, Davanagere, Hassan, Haveri, Kodagu, Koppal, Raichur, Ramanagara, Uttara Kannada, Yadgir and Bengaluru Rural. NFHS says Hassan recorded the ratio at 1,140 in 2015-16, but it declined to 872 in 2019-20. Similarly, Bidar that recorded 1,075 in 2015-16 recorded 898 in 2019-20.

A senior officer from the Health Department, requesting anonymity, said NFHS, which is conducted by the central government, is a sample-based survey, while the state government follows the Health Management Information System (HMIS) which gives more comprehensive data. "But the trend remains the same, and many districts in Karnataka are lagging in this parameter," he added. P5

ALMANAC TODAY
- **Tuesday:** 18/01/2022 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
- **Ritu:** Himantha • **Masa:** Pushya • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Prathami 5.46 am
- **Nakshatra:** Pushya 6.05 am • Moon in Simha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
- **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER

MIN 16°C | MAX 28°C

FORECAST Partly cloudy

Sunrise	6.46 am
Sunset	6.14 pm
Moonrise	6.38 pm
Moonset	7.01 am

WHAT AILS

17 days into 3rd wave, docs already stretched

They are asked to deliver medical kits to patients or supply medicines

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

IT'S just 17 days since the third wave was announced, with the rising cases of home isolation the doctors and staffers deployed on home isolation duty are already feeling the burden and have taken no time to state that they are over stretched.

Doctors who spoke to *The New Indian Express* said that they have been working over 12 hours a day. That is not all, the doctors are also being asked to deliver medical kits to patients or supply medicines, apart from their visits to home for triaging and check ups. This they state is becoming an additional burden as the cases have just started to rise.

"Normally our shift is for eight hours, but due to rising cases we are working for over 12 hours. I am on the field with medical kits and attending to patients. The other staffers are not keen to supply medical kits as they fear contracting the virus. So we doctors are only forced to supply the medical kits. Each of us are handling a minimum of 250 cases and some of us are handling 750 cases in each ward," said Jayaram, a doctor working with BBMP.

An agency- Step One, has been roped in to arrange for more staff. As each case is important, attention is being paid through tele- triaging at first and based on the condition, the next course of action is decided

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, nodal officer, home isolation

Another doctor seeking anonymity said, apart from handling the cases assigned to us, we also get calls from the control room, when a triaging complaint or health condition complaint is reported. We have to set make way from our routine work and attend to that also. This is another additional burden as it only increases the case load.

To address the issue of rising cases, BBMP and health department have placed orders for eight lakh more home isolation medical kits, Each kit is also now having a medical prescription attached with it, with the dosage and list of medicines to be taken and when. The prescription and medication is generic, unless a patient reports of other symptoms and has any other medical attention.

Also now to reduce the burden on doctors, the government has decided that home visits will be done based on need and case. Categories have been made for triaging and visits- those aged above 60, those with more symptoms, those needing immediate medical attention, those aged above 30 years and those below 30 years of age.

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, nodal officer, home isolation said that an agency- Step One, has been roped in to arrange for more staff. As each case is important, attention is being paid through tele- triaging at first and based on the condition, the next course of action is decided.

Corner site scam in BDA unearthed, complaints filed

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A senior official of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has unearthed a scam concerning registration of three corner sites in Sir M Visvesvaraiah Layout. The scam had happened a year ago but was detected last week. The BDA has filed three FIRs in connection with the scam in the Seshadripuram police station with three of its staffers being charged.

The BDA has auctioned its corner sites in seven rounds. The corner sites are big revenue grossers for it. This specific case pertains to the auctioning of sites in the Layout's 8th Block which took place before May 2021. In a case of malpractice only possible with the involvement of individuals inside the office, three 7th Block sites unlisted in the auction have been registered in the names of three individuals. "Forged documents, bank challans and other details have been presented and the registration too has been completed," said a top official.

When pursuing the files of registered sites, Deputy Secretary Geetha Hudeda detected the scam and alerted officials.

"What has been detected is just a tip of the iceberg. The minimum loss we could have incurred if the sites had gone undetected is Rs 3 crore. The same could have been done with countless sites and flats allotted or auctioned so far by the Authority," said the official.

The three FIRs filed on January 12, 2022 list G Srinivas, K Manju Naik and T Ramesh Babu as prime accused. Three BDA staffers figure as the second accused, while mediators and others have been listed as third accused. They have been booked for forgery, cheating and criminal conspiracy under the IPC under the following sections 149, 465, 466, 468, 471, 472, 473, 409, 420 and 120 B.

A senior BDA official said the registration of the sites will be nullified and their possession taken back. There needs to be a complete audit done of all the 3 lakh sites and flats allotted or auctioned since the inception of the BDA to unearth the hold of the land mafia, he added. "An audit done by a State level committee or former CAG members or even a private CA team would really bring out many more skeletons out of the cupboard. Some decision on these lines need to be taken by the government," he said.

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Virtual postal expo begins on Jan 21

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BEARING the ongoing Covid surge in mind, the Bengaluru Headquarter Region of Karnataka Postal Circle will for the first time go online with its Philately exhibition. The theme of the three-day expo, which begins on January 21, is 'India's Rich Cultural Heritage.'

Post Master General L K Dash told *The New Indian Express* that SAMSKRITIPEX-2022 will go live at 11 am on Friday. "We have received exhibits from 30 philatelists so far, have scanned them and will be be displaying them through a specially created portal for it. Public can view them 24x7 after the launch," he said. The expo can be accessed at https://samskritipex2022.com

The display will be classified under three categories: Below 15 years, 15 to 21 years as well as 21 years and above. "As many as 150 frames of philatelic display will surely take the visitors on a vista of incredible volume of information," he said.

Over 700 cops test Covid +ve in city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic has hit the city police hard as over 700 policemen have tested positive affecting day-to-day policing to a certain extent. Senior officers, however, have instructed the staff to take all necessary steps to ensure safety.

As of Sunday, 731 policemen in the city have contracted the disease. Of the 731, 38 have been discharged and there are 693 active cases currently. Cases have been reported in all divisions and units, including the Central Crime Branch. West division is the worst hit with more than 180 personnel having tested positive.

The sudden spike in the number of Covid cases among the force has pushed senior officers to put the health of the staff on priority. City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant has given clear instructions that all SOPs like sanitisation of police stations and police vehicles daily, wearing of face shields by police personnel, and maintaining physical distance from those who visit the station, should be strictly followed.

Further, it is instructed that youngsters should be sent on patrolling duties while seniors should be given station duties. If anyone tests positive, they should be isolated and all other staff must be tested. Officers of the rank of inspectors and above have been asked to inquire about the health of their staff and family members.

Despite the surge in the cases, officers say that not much has been affected in performing their duties. Speaking to TNIE, A Subramanyeswara Rao, Additional Commissioner of Police (East), said, "Most of the staff are fully vaccinated and hence they have better resistance. A few hundreds of staff have tested positive and it has not much effect as we mobilise the staff as required. It is important to note that the crime rate in the city has also dipped due to strict vigil and night and weekend curfew".

As far as the investigation of cases is concerned, senior officers have instructed the crime staff not to go out of the state till the number of Covid cases fall.

STUDIOUS PROBLEM

Lot of misinformation on Sanskrit varsity: Officials

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Sanskrit University has said that a lot of the information going around on the building of its Magadi campus comes from misconceptions.

Several Kannada activists, including KPCC spokesperson A N Nataraj Gowda and Popular Front of India, had spoken out against the government allegedly recently allocating land and funds for the building of the Karnataka Sanskrit University (KSU) campus in Magadi. According to those opposing the move, around Rs 359 crores had been spent funding the new campus, as well as 100 acres of land only recently being allotted by the government.

However, KSU Vice-Chancellor, Prof K E Devanathan, has said that a number of misconceptions have led to this information being spread. "We haven't received any kind of funding from the government to build a campus and the land had been allotted to us back in March 2013 to build a new campus, but we could not go through with it due to a lack of funding," he said.

Further, he said that the campus at Magadi was, in fact, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) regional centre that was being built on the land allotted to KSU. Since the land had been allotted to KSU, the KSOU regional centre being built on the land would also house facilities for KSU. "Last week, KSOU held a bhoomi pooja before commencing on construction, since it is land allocated to KSU, the university will also be provided facilities and space to conduct our own classes and function as a campus alongside the regional centre," Prof Devanathan told TNIE.

"It is unfortunate that there are so many lashing out at the university, but we have nothing to say about them. Everyone has their opinions on where Sanskrit stands as a language, whether it is acceptable or not," he said.

"However, Karnataka has been the only state in India which Sanskrit has been allowed to flourish, with over 50,000 Sanskrit students, which I think is a great thing," he said.

Dissent has also come from the Popular Front of India as well, with PFI Karnataka State President Yasir Hasan saying that though there are no qualms about accepting Sanskrit as one of many languages, Kannadigas must defeat the ruse of Hindi/Sanskrit imposition undertaken to establish upper-class hegemony.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18th January: More about Capricorn, my sign of the day. You may not know this but some astrologers say that India is a Capricornian country. They point to its venerable traditions, some dating back thousands of years. By the same token the country is also taking a very practical attitude to modernisation, another Capricorn trait.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Over the next few weeks, while the Sun remains so strong, you will be extending and deepening your social contacts. Some of you may even be developing political associations - in the broadest sense of course. It's all a matter of linking up with like-minded individuals.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Everyone, no matter what their birth sign, should be aware of a change of mood today. At least, that's the theory! You may feel it more deeply than most, and might even decide that your feelings for a particular person were misplaced. But, then, it's better that you find out now!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It really is a time to ask not what others can do for you, but what you can do for them. There is a happy relationship in your chart between work and partnership, one which could see you making considerable progress towards a special goal. About time too!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You may be growing increasingly agitated in at least one personal relationship, if not several. It is worth reminding you that this is a peak time for pointless arguments and that you should therefore always think carefully. Don't let others make the running - at least, not all the time!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may sort out home and family matters this morning and save time later in the day for simple pleasures. The only responsibilities which look likely to present you with extra demands are those which involve children or younger relations in general.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Although good fortune is forecast, it's up to you to help yourself. If you dig your feet in, resisting every opportunity to explore your talents and skills, you will miss out, whatever the stars say. Look at the big picture and think about where you'd like to be this time next year.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's an excellent day to clear the air, not in any particularly deep or profound sense, but in terms of routine organisation and the simple running of your daily affairs. If entertaining is to be done, the best venue should be your home, all things being equal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There is still a great deal to be said for facing reality at home. In fact, for the next two weeks at least even minor and apparently trivial events will contribute to a major long-term improvement in your circumstances. There is every possibility that you will be receiving positive news soon, though from an unlikely source.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The Moon gently adjusts its position today, hopefully clearing up a long-standing mystery. Perhaps even a lost item will return to its rightful place, as these things have a habit of doing! One way or another, you should find the big wide world a marginally easier place to handle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
If you're in a particularly busy phase, as your stars indicate you should be, you will now be realising that there is no point in pressing on by yourself, but that other people must be brought in to help. It's never too late to ask for assistance - so don't be proud.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There's a clear psychological process in your life at the moment. You may momentarily lose your self-confidence, or face seemingly gigantic material obstacles, but these difficulties motivate you to strive even harder and achieve even greater success.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Having dealt with questions like, who is responsible for what, and what your rights are in relation to colleagues and employers, you may throw yourself into a new professional or worldly ambition. You may follow your dreams - while you still have time!

THE PHANTOM

IT'S TIME YOU MET OUR HOSTS.. THE WOMAN WHO SAVED YOUR LIFE... HER HUSBAND...
H-HOW LONG HAVE WE... BEEN HERE...?
I'M GOING TO CALL YOU WALKER IN FRONT OF THEM.

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

HEY, DAG, I'M TAKING UP A COLLECTION FOR A NICE GUY WHO WANTS TO TAKE A MUCH-NEEDED VACATION
WHO?
JUST A GUY WHO NEEDS A LITTLE TIME AWAY FROM THE OFFICE
WHICH GUY?
FINE! I'M THE GUY! WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
NICE TRY

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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	2					6		5
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3		1					2	
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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	8	7	4	9	6	5	2	3
2	9	5	7	1	3	8	6	4
4	3	6	8	2	5	9	7	1
3	4	9	1	7	8	6	5	2
6	5	2	9	3	4	7	1	8
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9	7	4	3	5	1	2	8	6
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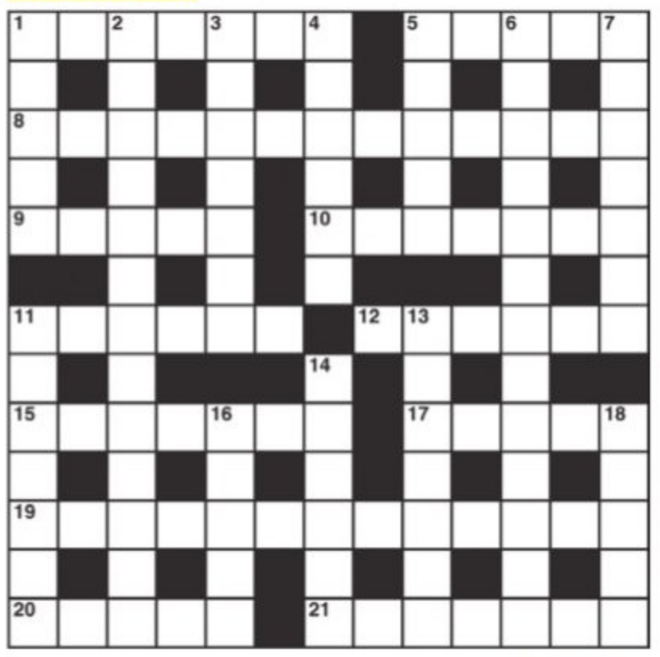
8	6	3	2	4	7	1	9	5

CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Pole inclined to be pompous (7)
5 They're found on snowshoes - not skates (5)
8 Where the hands are on watch it would seem (2,3,4,2,2)
9 It's bound to be a bit of a shock (5)
10 To argue can cause offence (7)
11 A peach turns out to be tough (6)
12 Note deserter is not charged (6)
15 Work in the theatre perhaps (7)
17 All the runners seen in the countryside (5)
19 It cuts both ways (3-5,5)
20 Start to penetrate (5)
21 At length speaks of details (7)

DOWN
1 Do they punctuate the bus route? (5)
2 Sharing common troubles like shipmates (2,3,4,4)
3 A night of comedy (7)
4 Find company in one churchman or another (6)
5 To fuse metal waste maybe (5)
6 Not right from the start? (4,2,3,4)
7 They won't stand for being models (7)
11 John, for example, has a job with the French (7)
13 No answer (7)
14 Play back? (6)
16 Tree providing deal; right? (5)
18 There's some point in clothes for dandies (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Rigid, 8 Birthday, 9 Adore, 10 Same here, 11 Screw, 12 Tea, 16 Strike, 17 Silver, 18 Nip, 23 Grill, 24 Ornament, 25 Minor, 26 Urbanity, 27 Agree.

Down: 2 Indicate, 3 Israelis, 4 Tirade, 5 Strew, 6 Edges, 7 Lyres, 12 Ten, 13 Asp, 14 Alarming, 15 Well done, 19 Ignite, 20 Focus, 21 Snubs, 22 Amend.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RUSMT

NUBDO

LOPIWL

LEENEV

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Today's Guest JUMBLER is OLIVIA JAIMES creator of NANCY

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S **Jumbles:**
MOUND DRIFT TAUGHT COLUMN
ANSWER: What Wallace and Spud were doing on the boat – CHUMMING AROUND

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It has been a year after the launch of vaccination drive in the country. However, vaccine hesitancy is still a headache to many health officials to achieve the target in Gadag. Many villagers say no to vaccination for a variety of reasons

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 314 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **27,156** | Yesterday: **34,047**

TALLY
Today: **32,47,243**
Yesterday: **32,20,087**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **14**	Today: **7,827**
Yesterday: **13**	Yesterday: **5,902**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **2,17,297**
Yesterday: **1,97,982**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **5.48%**	Today: **1.18%**
Yesterday: **5.45%**	Yesterday: **1.19%**

RECOVERY RATE Today: **92.12%** Yesterday: **93.65%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	**15,947**
Bengaluru Rural	**538**
Bagalkot	82
Ballari	560
Belagavi	294
Bidar	75
Chamarajanagar	101
Chikkaballapur	209
Chikkamagaluru	236
Chitradurga	178
Dakshina Kannada	490
Davanagere	121
Dharwad	784
Gadag	71
Hassan	1,050
Haveri	27
Kalaburagi	479
Kodagu	137
Kolar	463
Koppal	89
Mandya	917
Mysuru	1,170
Raichur	140
Ramanagara	96
Shivamogga	364
Tumakuru	1,147
Udupi	442
Uttara Kannada	203
Vijayapura	128
Yadgir	18

Gear up for Covid fight, officials told

Chief minister issues intructions to ensure comprehensive management of the pandemic

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday issued a series of instructions to ensure comprehensive management of the pandemic and also to prevent mortality in the state. He instructed health officials to focus more on outpatients and deploy more personnel in Bengaluru. He suggested that officers should monitor people getting admitted after triaging.

"As many people are mildly symptomatic and are in home isolation, the chief minister asked the health department to increase calls made to people in home isolation. He said cases with comorbidities should be contacted at least once a day," Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said.

The chief minister wanted officials to create awareness on isolation terms so that other family members take precautionary measures and ensure they are not infected. Meanwhile, on the medicinal kits issued to Covid patients, he said the kits should be effectively delivered to home-isolated cases and negative attitudes of people should be removed by involving voluntary service organisations. A decision has also been taken to involve local doctors for consultation and special care has to be given to infected children, especially in rural areas, he added.

"Children infected in rural areas should get top priority. Parents of such children should be counselled and medical kits should be distributed to them. Separate medical kits should be prepared for children and confidence should be instilled amongst the rural population," Bommai told the officials.

While appreciating the vaccination coverage in the state, the Chief Minister asked the officials to hold video conferences with DCs and CEOs of districts which are lagging behind in taking the second dose of the vaccination. Bommai also instructed on speedy completion of the vaccination drive. After the meeting, to a query on the appeal of hoteliers not to impose weekend curfews, Ashoka said, "We cannot risk the lives of 6.5 crore people to help hoteliers by lifting the weekend curfew. We will go by the experts, Centre and WHO's advisory on Covid."

Meanwhile, Bengaluru police commissioner Kamal Pant on Monday ordered banning of rallies, demonstrations and protests and congregation of more than 200 people in open places and 100 people in closed places during marriages till January-end under Section 144 (1) of the CrPC.

A BBMP staffer waits for beneficiaries to administer them booster doses inside a mobile van, in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Hospitalisation in Dharwad at 5 per cent

Around 94 per cent of Covid-19 infected patients are being treated in home isolation in Dharwad district in the third wave. The district has more than 2,500 active cases and only 4.48 per cent among them are in hospital. From the last two weeks, the number of fresh cases have gone up in the district and there are 2476 active cases as on January 16. Everyday the district is reporting three-digit new cases adding to the total number of active cases. According to the data shared by the district health department, out of 2476 active cases in Dharwad, 2,321 are in home isolation.

PEAK PREPARATION

Triaging unveiled for Covid-positive kids

CHETANA BELAGERE
@ Bengaluru

With Covid expected to peak in Karnataka in the next two weeks and some districts already peaking, members of the Technical Advisory Committee and the paediatric committee, which was setup recently, released a triaging protocol for children who test positive.

The protocol, prepared by Dr Rajath Athreya in consultation with Dr Basavaraja GV of Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH) and other doctors of the Health and Family Welfare Department, was discussed at a recent meeting.

"So far, around 18 per cent of beds have been occupied in the state and the situation is under control. In the earlier two waves, the paediatric population had less symptoms, but for Omicron, younger children are reporting sore throat, high-grade fever, cough and runny nose, while older children are complaining of headaches. But the recovery rate has been good and the symptoms have been persisting for three to five days," Dr Basavaraja GV told *TNIE*.

As part of the triaging protocol, children who are asymptomatic will be isolated at home and parents made aware of safe home isolation. Dr Basavaraja explained that children should be monitored for symptoms, their breath count when not crying must be taken and their temperature and oxygen saturation levels checked.

As per the TAC triaging protocol, the red flag signs in children are fast breathing, chest indrawing, nasal flaring, reduced feeding/activities, oxygen level below 94 and bluish discolouration of lips. "If these are seen, parents have to urgently contact the medical officer of the district and seek emergency help," said the report. In mild fever cases, upper respiratory symptoms without fast breathing should be noticed and if children are comorbid, they can be admitted to a hospital with oxygen facility of Level 1 care and if not comorbid, they can be under home isolation.

But moderately symptomatic patients, who are showing fast breathing or drop in oxygen levels, should be admitted to a facility with paediatric HDU with paediatric ICU backup and considered for Level2 care.

COMMON SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN
- High-grade Fever
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Cough
- Tiredness

WHEN CHILD TESTS POSITIVE:
- Keep child hydrated
- Do not give antibiotics
- Paracetamol, antihistamines, vitamin supplements can be given after consultation
- Keep children away from older people at home, those with comorbidities

ADMIT THE CHILD TO HOSPITAL:
- if they show red flags
- Have comorbidities that increase risk of severe illness

Get Omisure test kits for better diagnosis, says TAC

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@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S Technical Advisory Committee has recommended the State Government to procure 'Omisure' testing kits for the diagnosis of Covid-19.

The kit is a version of RT-PCR that detects all variants of SARS-CoV-2 viruses such as Alpha, Beta, Delta, Gamma, and also Omicron. Committee members opine that the kit will make Whole Genome Sequencing more focused and reduce the load on WGS labs.

"The sensitivity is 100 per cent, and specificity 99.25 per cent for Omicron, and nearly 100 per cent for all other variants.

The kit is approved by the ICMR and will be available in the market shortly," said a report submitted to the government.

The committee further opined that for the first time, the kit has both S gene dropout and S gene-specific mutation amplification. It detects all sub-lineages of Omicron such as BA.1, BA.2, and BA.3, which is a clear advantage over existing S gene dropout kits that are known to miss these sub-lineages.

This is because an Omisure kit uses an entirely different region, other than 69-70 amino acid deletion, which is the basis of other kits.

Turnaround time

Meanwhile, the turnaround time per main test is less, when compared to other kits. It is about 2.5 hours from sample collection to result generation. One of these kits is priced at Rs 250, and if Karnataka is procuring about five lakh tests, the TAC members said that the cost would come up to around Rs 200-plus-taxes per test.

In terms of procuring these tests, the TAC members said sequencing may not be required for Omicron-positive samples in the kit, as it has shown 100 per cent concordance to genomic sequencing in evaluation by the ICMR.

A senior doctor, who is part of the committee, mentioned, "In fact, samples that test negative for Omicron with an Omisure kit, but test positive for Covid-19 should be prioritised for sequencing, as they may indicate other variants, new sub-lineages of Omicron or even emergence of a new variant."

Peak likely in next one week, say doctors

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"THE members of the Technical Advisory Committee have predicted that Covid cases may peak starting from January 25 and gradually decrease after that. Another meeting has been called on Friday to discuss whether the curbs can be relaxed or there is a need to extend the night and weekend curfews. We will wait for the peak to decide," R Ashoka said.

Doctors warned that it is too early to rejoice and the peak is expected in the next one week. "If we see decreased numbers even on Wednesday and Thursday then we can consider this a dip. But now it is too early and we can't be complacent. Bengaluru will see the dip first and other districts will follow later," said Dr Manjunath CN, Director, Jayadeva Hospital, also a member of the TAC.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said cases of fever and cold are being reported in greater numbers. Asking people not to panic, but also not to be complacent about symptoms, he said December to February is considered the flu season.

"But whoever is getting these symptoms are tested on priority. Due to preventive measures, the spread of Coronavirus is under control in the state. The number of deaths has come down among the infected," Dr Sudhakar said.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We are executing this **Affidavit** by me before the Notary public at Bengaluru on **17.01.2022.**
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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Ramanagara Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 11.02.2022 at 3.30 PM for recovery of Rs.24,23,793.52** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Three and Paise Fifty Two only) **{Rs.20,21,057.00 in Overdraft and Rs.4,02,736.52 in Term Loan (GECL) } as on 31.12.2021 due to Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Ramanagara Branch from the Borrower, Mr.Mohammed Ilyaz Pasha,** S/o Mohammed Iqbal, **Proprietor, M/s. M D A Silk** and the **Guarantor, Mrs.Naziya Kousar,** W/o. Mohammed Iliyaz Pasha.
The Reserve Price will be **Rs.49,94,000/-** and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be **Rs.4,99,400/-.**
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
Land to the extent of 1590 Sq.ft in site No.7 and 270 Sq.ft in site No 5 Part(totally 1860 sq.ft) at S.No.4/2A, Municipal Khatha No.295/41/101/7 and No.293/39/99/5 and residential cum semi finished silk reeling unit building constructed there at to the extent of 3000 sq.ft (1500 sq.ft semi finished silk reeling unit in Ground Floor and 1500 sq.ft residential building in first floor) bearing Property No.22-4-532-461A at Ward No. 22/2, Near Govt School, Rahmaniya Nagar Extension, Kothipura 2nd Stage, Ramanagara Town & District including all amenities standing in the name of Mr.Mohammed Ilyaz Pasha, S/o.Mr.Mohammed Iqbal.
Boundaries for Site No.7: North : Site No.5 belongs to Mr.Mahaboob Pasha, South : Site No.9 belongs to Azeez Ahmad Shariff, East : Road, West : Property of late Patel Venkatappa's son.
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Around 39 police personnel, including an Inspector and Sub-Inspector out of 200 KSRP men, who were deputed for duty during the Mekedatu padayatra have tested positive for Covid. The cops from Mysuru were on bandobast duty, and have hence been told to go into home isolation.

Court allows auctioning of iron ore at Karwar port

Mineral at Baithkol port to be sold; No decision yet on stock at Belekeri port

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@ Karwar

The Karwar JMFC court directed the Uttara Kannada district administration to conduct a live bidding of illegal iron ore stocked at Karwar's Baithkol port. The mineral has been lying here for the last 10 years. However, iron ore stored at Belekeri port has to wait for some more time as the Ankola JMFC court is hearing a case.

The illegal iron ore shipped from Ballari in the mid-2000s has been lying at Baithkol and Belekere ports of Karwar following a CBI inquiry into the illegality. This is a result of a raid conducted by the then DCF, Karwar, R Gokul, who seized over 8 lakh metric tonnes of iron ore at Belekere and 65,000 tonnes at Baithkol. Twenty mining and transport companies had been booked at that time for illegal mining, transport and export of minerals.

The Forest Department, however, recently filed an application seeking disposal of ore under Section 457 of CrPC, which allows selling of property that is lying unused.

In the case of iron ore at Baithkol, the department contended that the probe is still on, while the mineral has blocked the entire port not allowing any development work at the spot.

STORY OF THE ORE

- Illegally mined iron ore seized in 2010 will be auctioned within a month
- The iron ore was seized by IFS officer R Gokul, who raided the port and furnished crucial information to then Lokayukta Santosh Hegde, who included it in his report on illegal mining
- The probe led to the Supreme Court order that banned mining and transportation of iron ore across the country
- According to experts, the ore seized in 2010 was at Rs 5,000 per metric ton, and would be valued at Rs 16 crore if the price had remained the same. However, iron ore prices have dropped drastically, which stands at Rs 4.8 crore presently

THE VALUE OF IRON ORE AT BELEKERI IS Rs 120 CRORE AND WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTH Rs 400 CRORE IN CASE THE OLD PRICE OF IRON ORE WAS STILL APPLICABLE

The department also contended that iron ore is being washed away during monsoon, causing pollution of the sea and death of aquatic life.

Also, over the years, several incidents of iron ore theft have been reported from here. After the hearing, the court had instructed the district administration to dispose of iron ore after evaluation. But it was found that there is only half of the total 65,000 metric tonnes of iron ore seized.

The district administration has invited companies to take part in the auction.

BOOST TO STATE

PANEL TO LOOK INTO MEASURES TO DOUBLE FARMERS' INCOME

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@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Government on Monday constituted a committee, which is headed by Agriculture Minister BC Patil and consisting of farmers, to look into technologies that can be developed through the agricultural sciences universities and other measures required to be taken to help farmers double their income and decided to constitute a Secondary Agriculture Directorate.

The Government Order issued on Monday stated that 12 farmers — recipients of the first three awards of the Agriculture Department's 'Krishi Pandit' awards for the last four years — will be part of the committee.

Research to help farmers

The committee will look into areas in which research is required to help farmers, to ensure innovations at the agricultural universities help farmers increase their income, supply of nutritious produce to consumers and also to make sure innovations are environment-friendly.

Also. a Secondary Agriculture Directorate will be set up for processing all agro-products, including dairy, fishery, horticulture, sericulture and animal husbandry and setting up agro-processing units that will help increase farmers' income and create employment opportunities in rural areas.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai holds a virtual meeting with experts from various government departments, as Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar looks on, in Bengaluru on Monday

The Horticulture Minister will be the deputy chairman of the committee that will consist of senior officials from the agriculture and horticulture departments, vice-chancellors of agricultural universities in Bengaluru, Dharwad and Raichur, vice-chancellor of Veterinary and Fisheries University, Bidar, and Agriculture Commissioner will be member secretary of the committee.

In a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on August 25, last year, it was decided to constitute a committee consisting of farmers to look at the measures required to be taken to double farmers income by 2023-24.

In a bid to increase the income of farmers in the state, the Karnataka Government will give more focus on all aspects of post-harvest technologies and marketing, including processing and branding.

Villages to have Grama One centres from Jan 26

BENGALURU: The government's ambitious 'Grama One' centres that provide various services under one roof at the village-level, will start in 12 districts from January 26. About 3,000 'Grama One' service centres would be opened for the purpose. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday held a meeting with the senior officers to review preparation made for launching the services in villages. It would be launched in Bidar, Koppal, Ballari, Belagavi, Haveri, Vijayapura, Davanagere, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Chikkamagaluru, Udupi and Kodagu districts on January 26. About 100 services related to Revenue, Food, Health, and Labour departments would be available through 'Grama One' service centres. They would be provided with uninterrupted power and internet connectivity, said a statement issued by the CMO. The CM, during the virtual meeting with officers said for now they are starting the services in 12 districts, which will be extended to all others.

Announce KPSC results soon, Suresh asks govt

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FORMER cabinet minister and BJP leader **S Suresh Kumar** has written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai pointing out that the mains examination for the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC), which was held in February last year, has still not been evaluated.

In a letter to the CM, he pointed out that the prelims were held in the month of August 2020, and the mains were held about seven months later, however, when the candidates were at the KPSC office to find out the results, they were told that they were not available.

He added that there is strong suspicion that the valuation had not been done even after 11 months. Candidates who visited the public service commission office have not received any response, and the evaluation has not been taken up at all. Kumar said there is no full-time officer for evaluation at the KPSC, and the officer who is presently in charge, is on deputation. He urged the government to have the scripts evaluated and the results announced, while reasoning that efficient government officers are necessary, for whose appointment, the results must be announced soon.

Farmers seek more fertiliser subsidy

ENS @ Madikeri

THE sudden spike in fertiliser prices has left the farmers of Kodagu district a worried lot. The price of Muriate of Potash has increased by over 90 per cent since the last monsoon, pushing the farmers to seek an increase in subsidy for the same.

"MoP was priced at Rs 895 for a 50-kg bag during the last monsoon season. However, there was an acute shortage of the fertiliser and growers struggled to get it amid the lockdown. What is shocking is that the price of MOP currently stands at Rs 2,000 for a 50-kg bag," said Harish Madappa, a coffee grower. Madappa rued that the government subsidy for the fertiliser, however, stands unchanged at Rs 303 for a 50-kg bag. District president of farmers' association C Ganesh said that farmers are facing immense loss due to incessant rainfall and rising prices of fertilisers, including MoP and Ammonium Sulphate. "Production cost is increasing by the day. Farmers are hardly getting any returns from their yield. The government must increase the current subsidy for the fertiliser from Rs 300 to at least Rs 1,000 per bag," he added.

LOCALS AT MEKEDATU DIVIDED OVER PROJECT

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Mekedatu

PEOPLE residing around Mekedatu area have mixed feelings about the balancing reservoir project. While a section of people -- especially youngsters – are upbeat about the potential infrastructure boost the project may bring in, the older generation is against the move.

"Why should we live here with no proper mobile network or access to transportation facilities? If given good compensation, we are ready to relocate," says Krishna, a member of the tribal Soliga community. Krishna, who has completed his Second PU, works with the Forest Department on contract, and yearns for a better life, much like his friends outside the forest area, at nearby villages like Uyyamballi and Doddalahalli.

Krishna's friends find it difficult to communicate with him due to poor mobile network. That was one of the reasons why he sent his parents on the Padayatra taken out by Congress leaders demanding implementation of the project.

Kempamma, from the same community, hopes that the project is implemented as she says she cannot grow any crop on her piece of land, which is raided by elephants and wild boars. The Lambanis too are in favour of the project as the youth from the community have moved to cities, leaving only the elderly here. "I am into contract labour in Bengaluru, while my in-laws stay here. We have been promised better compensation against our house and land which will be submerged once the project is executed," said Raju Naika.

The ancient Shivanankareshwari temple at Mekedatu, which could get submerged if the project is constructed | EXPRESS

MEKEDATU WARPATH

Most of the youth and women, who live in houses provided by the government at settlements such as Madivala village at the project site, pin their hopes on the movement started by KPCC president Shivakumar and his brother and Lok Sabha member DK Suresh.

But the elderly are against the project. "Some 30 years ago, steel and cement was dumped here to commence work, but it did not take off," said Madaiah.

Shivanankaraiah, the trustee of the ancient Shivanankareshwari Temple, built during the Chola period, believes that unless the deity's blessings are sought, the project will never take off. "We will continue to live here as long as the deity's blessings are with us," he said. Others like Siddappaji and Dasaiah also express similar feelings.

Meanwhile, several others are tight-lipped about expressing their objection to the project. The devotees and trustees of the Ganapathi Sacchidananda Swami Ashram are also sentimental about the location, since the seer was born here.

TN may use padayatra to stall project: Ashoka

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REVENUE Minister R Ashoka has accused the Congress of disrupting the proposed Mekedatu balancing reservoir project, with its recent 'walk for water' campaign.

Alleging that the Congress drive only helped spread the pandemic in the state, Ashoka claimed that the Opposition party's agitation could be used by the Tamil Nadu government, which was opposed to the project, to stall it. But Congress leader Siddaramaiah opposed this observation.

The former CM said the padayatra was from Kanakapura to Ramanagara, and asked why were there so many Covid cases elsewhere in the state? It is improper to blame the Congress for Covid, he added.

Ashoka said, "For the past 15-20 years, we had been convincing people that the Mekedatu project in Ramanagara district is restricted to drinking water and power generation, the Congress publicised it that it will give water from the project to the farmers as well. Now, the statements by Congress leaders will be used by the Tamil Nadu government to stall the project."

But Siddaramaiah hit back, saying that it was taken up by the Congress government in 2013, and later, the BJP government at the Centre did not offer its support when it had to. "We are only asking for the state's just and rightful share," Siddaramaiah said.

Court resolution

While Ashoka said that no water dispute has ever been resolved by a rally or padayatra, he added: "All such disputes were sorted out by the court. That much common sense, the Congress leader should have had."

Meanwhile, the Congress charged that the Central authorities are withholding clearances. "The key is political will and the BJP needs to provide those clearances instead of accusing the Congress," it said, adding that the issue is not pending before the court.

Accusing the Congress of spreading the coronavirus pandemic in the state, the minister further challenged the Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah to get all those who had taken part in the padayatra, for five days from January 9, tested.

"The test will make it clear whether or not the Congress' march has led to a fast spread of the virus," the minister alleged.

Meanwhile, BJP spokesperson M G Mahesh also accused the Congress of turning a superspreader for Covid-19, while blaming the Mekedatu padayatra for the spike in cases across the state.

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R Ashoka

Kanavi still in ICU, but recovering, say doctors

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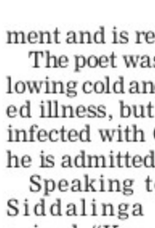
NOTED poet **Chennaveera Kanavi**, who tested positive for Covid-19 on Friday, is being treated at a private medical college hospital here. Hospital authorities, however, have confirmed that he is responding to treatment and is recovering fast.



The poet was hospitalised following cold and other age-related illness, but was found to be infected with Covid, for which he is admitted in the ICU.

Speaking to TNIE, writer Siddalinga Pattanshetty opined, "Kanavi is a state personality and has rendered immense service to the world of literature. The administration should take up the responsibility for his treatment, not because of any financial issue, but as a mark of respect."

He added, "We all pray for his speedy recovery. Covid has come between relationships, where we cannot go and meet any person. As I have seen, he is a man of confidence and hope, which has made him achieve great heights. He will recover."

Another writer appreciated the district administration for monitoring Kanavi's health. "Such an act enhances hope and bridges the gap between the administration and public," he added. Sources form the district administration said, "In this regard, the administration is in touch with health experts at the hospital. Kanavi's health condition is improving and he will be discharged in a couple of days.

Relax rules on Coastal Regulation Zone, says Bommai

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"FOR a better interstate and centre-and-states relationship, certain initiatives are important, to speed up implementation of projects, otherwise costs would escalate," he pointed out.

He asked the Union minister to relax the rules with regard to Coastal Regulation Zone to take up infrastructure projects along the coast. Karnataka has a 330km coastline offering an immense potential to develop ports, enterprises and tourism. There is a need to change CRZ regulations.

He also appealed to Gadkari to take steps to speed up the Bengaluru suburban railway project which requires Rs 15,000 crore and the high-speed train project from Hyderabad and Bengaluru to Mysuru. Bengaluru is an international city which contributes 40 per cent of IT/BT exports from the country and the suburban rail project should be given impetus, he pointed out. K-RIDE has been established to implement the suburban rail project for Bangaluru and Tumakuru-Chitradurga-Davangere line. "Karnataka is the first state to have 50:50 cost sharing for railway projects", he said.

He also appealed to the Centre to take steps to upgrade 6,433 km state highways into National Highways. "In the last 10 years, National Highways have seen a 10-fold increase and proved that they are not just confined to road transport and logistics, but spur national development," he said.

Formula E, the world's fastest growing sport and the Pinnacle Electric Car Racing Championship on Monday signed an agreement with the Telangana government to make Hyderabad as host city. The electric car race is scheduled to be held from November 2022 to March 2023

JAGAN SUGGESTS CENTRE MUST REDUCE GAP FOR BOOSTER DOSE

'It should be 6 months not 9 months as it will benefit frontline workers fighting pandemic'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

ANDHRA Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has decided to the Centre requesting it to reduce the gap between the second dose of Covid-19 vaccine and the booster dose (precaution dose) from the present 9 months to 6 months to benefit frontline workers.

Taking stock of the Covid situation, status of vaccination and other aspects pertaining to health infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh with senior officials on Monday, Jagan opined that it could also help people to arm themselves effectively against Covid, thus reducing the chances of hospitalisation.

Pointing out that five districts are lagging behind others in administering second dose, he wanted the officials to pay special attention to it and ensure all the districts complete administering the second jab at the earliest.

Stating that they are prepared to face any situation with regards to Covid and health in the state, officials explained that they have prepared more beds compared to second wave for treating Covid patients and added that they have arranged 53,184 beds across the state. They said only 1,100 people have been hospitalised of the 27,000 active cases and only 600 of them are in oxygen support.

Students fully masked attend a class at a school in Visakhapatnam on Monday

Jagan further instructed the officials to make arrangements for availability of oxygen and medicines. He directed the officials to set up big hoardings in village/ ward clinics and government hospitals displaying details of Aarogyasri scheme. He said village clinics should be referral points for Aarogyasri scheme, with detailed information on available treatment locations.

He said the medical services under Aarogyasri scheme should be delivered efficiently and added that the mechanism of sending patients to concerned hospitals for treatment under the scheme should be strong.

Meanwhile, TDP MLC and national general secretary Nara Lokesh Monday urged CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy for closure of schools to prevent the rising Coronavirus threat to lakhs of students in Andhra Pradesh.

BATTLE FOR GOA

After BJP snubs Utpal Parrikar, Sena urges others to support him

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR
@ Belagavi

EVEN as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leadership is against fielding **Utpal Parrikar**, son of former Goa Chief Minister late Manohar Parrikar, from Panaji, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut has given a call to all non-BJP parties to support Utpal's candidature if he contests as an Independent to pay a fitting tribute to the former chief minister. "I propose all non-BJP parties, including Congress, Aam Aadmi Party, Trinamool Congress, and Goa Forward Party, to support his candidature and not field a candidate against him," tweeted Raut.

Raut's call for a united attempt by all parties for Utpal's candidature must surely have put the BJP in an awkward situation at a time when it is making a desperate attempt to win the Panaji seat by fielding sitting party MLA Atanasio Monserrate, who had engineered the defection of 10 Congress MLAs to BJP in 2019. In the 2017 Assembly polls, as a representative of Congress Monserrate had been able to win in Panaji, a BJP bastion since 1994. In the politics that unfolded in 2019 in Goa, Monserrate switched to BJP, herding nine other party legislators into BJP. In 2019 bypolls held after the demise of Manohar Parrikar, the BJP had sidelined Utpal to field Siddarth Kuncalienker, who eventually lost to Monserrate.

The BJP had reportedly denied ticket to Utpal claiming that he did not have a voter-connect in Panaji. And this time, the BJP is keen to field Monseratte by avoiding Utpal again. Recently, BJP's Goa election in-charge Devendra Fadnavis had targeted Utpal saying, "Just because the aspirant is the son of former CM Parikkar or any leader, he will not qualify for a BJP ticket."

After Fadnavis' statement, it has become clear that the BJP will not field Utpal but rally behind Monserrate to regain the lost seat.

However, a section of BJP in Goa is said to be insisting that the party field Utpal and avoid having Monserrate as its candidate.

> **You (Bharatiya Janata Party) will give ticket to a person with criminal antecedent in the constituency represented by late Manohar Parikkar?**
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> — Utpal Parrikar on reported talks within BJP to field MLA Atanasio Monserrate from Panaji constituency

An upset Utpal also has objected to party's plans to field Monserrate and said, "You (BJP) will give ticket to the person with criminal antecedent in the constituency represented by late Manohar Parikkar?"

A section of non-BJP forces are keen to dent the prospects of BJP in Panaji by rallying behind Utpal ahead of the February 14 election. At a press conference in Panaji on Sunday, AAP chief Aravind Kejriwal had said he respected former Chief Minister Parikkar and that if his son is willing to join AAP, he would be welcome. Now that AAP and Shiv Sena are in support of Utpal, it remains to be seen whether Congress and TMC would rally behind him.

According to sources, the BJP is expected to release its final list of candidates for most of the 40 seats on January 19. CM Pramod Sawant attended the party's parliamentary committee meeting in New Delhi on Monday where the leadership held a marathon discussion on the candidates to be fielded in the state.

Prenatal screening, sex determination test blamed

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VASUDEVA Sharma, Executive Director, Child Right Trust, said the total fertility rate (childbirth per couple) is reducing and Karnataka averages 1.7 as against the country's 2.1. "Many families, especially in rural areas, could be opting for one child and prefer it to be a boy. However, prenatal screening and sex determination of foetuses, which is still rampant, is the main reason for the skewed sex ratio," he added.

But there is strict monitoring, said District Health Officer, Shivamogga, Dr Rajesh Suragihalli. "The district has 21 private radiologists. We frequently ask them about scanning data of pregnant women. We have warned them of legal action and penalties if there is any violation. If a medical termination of pregnancy is conducted, we seek the reason," he added.

Udupi is among few districts that have matrilineality, where a woman is given importance. But still, the gender ratio is not good. A survey conducted between April 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 showed the sex ratio at 935 girls per 1,000 boys. In 2018-19, it was 976 and in 2019-20, it was 956. Though no female foeticide has been reported, couples opting not to have more children could be the reason behind the fall, officials said. "The Women and Child Welfare Department has launched awareness programmes to educate families on the importance of girl child," said Women and Child Welfare, Deputy Director Geetha Lakshmi said.

POWER AND VALOUR

Youth try to tame a bull at the famous Alanganallur jallikattu in Madurai district on Monday. At least 300 tamers took on 1,020 bulls. First-prize winner, Karthik, drove home a car | EXPRESS

BHOPAL MAN HELD FOR ABETTING KARNATAKA DOCTOR'S SUICIDE

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Government Railway Police (GRP) has cracked the mystery behind the suicide of a 25-year-old Bengaluru-based doctor on the railway tracks between Kengeri and Hejjala.

It has been unearthed that an individual based in Bhopal had cheated him using sexually provocative photos and had later blackmailed him for money.

According to GRP sources, the doctor's body was found on August 13 last year with an iPhone and a death note in which he had referred to a fraud of Rs 67,000 perpetrated on him by an individual using a Telegram and an Instagram account.

"A man, who had posed as a woman online, had befriended him. Sexually provocative photos were sent to the doctor. Visuals of him stripping himself for his online friend to view were probably recorded by the person on the other side. Later, the individual blackmailed him to part with money online," a source told *The New Indian Express*.

This forced him to end his life fearing social stigma, the source added.

The investigation team, led by Circle Police Inspector V Shiva Kumar and Sub-Inspector R Jagadeesh at KSR railway station, tracked the monetary transactions to Bhopal and arrested one person. "He had created a fake Telegram and Instagram account for the purpose of trapping people online using social media," the source said.

Referring to the incident, ADGP Railways, Bhaskar Rao cautioned youth to be careful about the cyber world. He tweeted, "Investigation of railway police revealed he was cyber blackmailed. To avoid shame, he killed himself. Accused is caught. Family is devastated. Don't trust cyber friends."

K'taka HC rejects bail plea of riot accused

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@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Monday dismissed the bail petition of Imran Ahmed alias Imran Khan, president of Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), K G Halli ward, accused of taking part in KG Halli and DG Halli riots.

"From the charge sheet, it is evident that the appellant is the president of SDPI, KG Halli ward. It is also evident that before the riots took place on August 11, 2021, appellant attended the meeting between 20.45 hours and 21.15 hours," a division bench of Justices Alok Aradhe and Anant Ramanath Hegde said, dismissing Khan's bail plea.

The court noted that Khan's presence on the scene of the incident and his participation in torching a vehicle parked outside the K G Halli police station has been established.

It is evident that Khan had a prominent role in riot and mob violence, the court said, adding that as president of SDPI, the possibility of interfering with a fair trial by influencing or threatening the witnesses cannot be ruled out. Khan moved the HC for bail after his plea was dismissed by the special court.

Following the incident, the local police had registered a case for riots but later, the Central Government handed over the probe to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). A charge sheet was filed which included sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 against Khan.

The High Court noted that the act committed by Khan and other accused on August 11, 2020, discloses the conspiracy to commit acts of violence and destruction of public properties and to create a fear psychosis in the mind of law-abiding citizens. The material in the chargesheet indicates that there are reasonable grounds to believe that accusation against Khan is prima facie proved, the court added.

LAX STAFF

Vax deaths: Two kids still in hospital

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MADHU Kuragundi died on Sunday at BIMS hospital in Belagavi. The other two children are being treated and their condition has improved, he said.

A primary investigation found negligence on the part of the PHC officer, nurse and pharmacist. A report has been submitted to the District Health Officer, mentioning the violation of guidelines in the vaccination programme, reaction of the vaccine and improper cold storage system, he added.

CM seeks report

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday directed Belagavi Deputy Commissioner to give a detailed report about the death of the three children.

A statement from the CMO said, the CM spoke to the DC over phone to get information and directed the DC to give a detailed report.

Cellular operators laud telecom infra by-laws

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THE Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) and other telecom operators and associations lauded the Karnataka Telecommunication Infrastructure and Underground Optical Fibre Cable Bye-Laws 2021, issued by the state government.

The notification, issued on January 12, 2022 and made public on January 17, 2022, allows a one-time fee of Rs 10,000 to meet administrative expenses for the installation of Telecom Tower and Aerial OFC deployment per application (tower and aerial OFC). For optical fibre, it is Rs 1,000 per km OFC (underground) and for Cell on Wheel, Rs 2,000 per application. The associations said this policy will help meet the National Broadband Mission, increase the broadband penetration, provide internet and broadband services to the citizens and improve the connectivity and capacity.

"The telecom industry has emerged as a saviour for many during the pandemic. With telecom reforms, this announcement will become the base for digital connectivity in the state and will go a long way in building a robust infrastructure. Today, as the country prepares for 5G, it is important to understand that the roadmap for Digital India is seamless connectivity," said Lt Gen Dr SP Kochhar, Director General, COAI.

He said they have also urged the State Government to expedite implementation of the policy at all levels which will boost the direct and indirect jobs associated with the roll-out of telecom infrastructure in Karnataka. As per data shared by the association, Karnataka requires 90,000 telecom towers as against the present 44,000 towers.

CRIME PATROL

Two jewellers robbed in Nagarathpete

BENGALURU: In the last week, miscreants have robbed two persons in two separate incidents on the busy streets of Nagarathpete and made away with gold and cash worth Rs 63.5 lakh. In the first incident, Prabhuram, an employee of a jewellery shop in Rajajinagar, was walking on Avenue Road with 1.6kg of gold worth Rs 60 lakh, on Wednesday. Three men confronted him and dragged him to an isolated spot and threatened him and escaped with the bag containing the gold. In the second incident, miscreants snatched the bag containing Rs 3 lakh in cash and 28 g of gold of one Meharam, who own a jewellery shop in Chikkaballapur, near SP Road earlier last week. Meharam had come to the city to buy gold bars. Police investigations are on. ENS

Police open fire to arrest drug peddler

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HANUMANTHNAGAR police on Monday opened fire at a notorious drug peddler Star Rahul after he refused to surrender despite repeated warnings. Rahul, a history-sheeter with 21 cases lodged against him in South Division limits, had recently uploaded a video on social media challenging the police to nab him and also decided to kill his rivals.

A senior police officer said that 22-year-old Rahul, a resident of Bannerghatta, was absconding in an NDPS case registered in KG Nagar police station limits and eight warrants are pending against him. A team was formed and police Sub-Inspector Basavaraj Patil received a tip-off, locating Rahul at Konankunte. Asked to surrender, he attacked one of the head constables Ningappa with a sword and attempted to escape. Patil fired a warning shot and when Rahul refused to comply, fired at his leg. Rahul and the injured constable were taken immediately to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Rahul was booked for involvement in four attempt to murder cases. He is also an associate of Kulla Rizwan, who runs an organised crime syndicate of extortion, gambling and supply drugs.

PRICKLY PAL

Tale of Trupy the porcupine and its human best friends

BIJU E PAUL @ Thekkady(Kerala)

THEY say a dog is a man's best friend. But Babu George, a security officer at the Aranya Nivas jungle resort operated by the Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC) in Thekkady, has a different tale to tell — one of an unlikely friendship between two men and a wild porcupine.

It was around four years ago that the men first spotted the animal hovering around the cabin for security officers at the resort, which is located inside the Periyar Tiger Reserve. "Initially, we used to give it fruits to eat. Over time, it started to come directly to our cabin," recalls Babu, who has been working at Aranya Nivas for the past seven years.

Soon enough, a routine was established and the officers fondly named the rodent 'Trupy'. "It lingers around our cabin every day from late evening to early morning, and then returns to its hideout before sunrise. Sometimes it rests inside the cabin," says Babu.

The friendly animal now even responds to its newly christened name. "If we shout out the name Trupy, it comes running to us." In fact, if Trupy finds that no one is in the cabin when it arrives, it unfailingly redirects to the restroom 50m away and starts hitting on the door. "In case we forget to give it something to eat, it throws a tantrum and creates noises to attract our attention. Only after getting those fruits will Trupy return. Now we ensure that enough fruits are stored in the cabin," Babu says with an affectionate smile.

C Vijayan, another security officer at the resort, says the porcupine now trusts the men enough to let them pet it. "When we touch Trupy, it just sits calmly like a pet dog or a cat. We can even fondle its moustache and quills. It has no complaints," Vijayan adds.

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I, **Sonia Gandhi,** D/o Mr. Mahabir Parshad Gandhi, W/o Mr. Guneet Singh, Aged about 41 years, residing at Apt No.1105, Ebony Block, Prestige St John's Wood Apts, Tavarekere Main Road, S.G. Palya, Bengaluru-560029, hereby declare that, I am updating my name in all legal and official documents from Sonia Gandhi to '**SONIA MAHABIR GANDHI**'. Henceforth, any reference to **Sonia Gandhi** or **SONIA MAHABIR GANDHI** in any matter pertaining to me will be the same person, i.e., myself. Sworn before the Notary Public, Mr. S.N. Madhu vide Affidavit dated 10-01-2022.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) YALALINGA, S/o Shivappa, residing at Eerappa Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore-560085, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) YALLALINGARAJU** vide affidavit Dated 17/01/2022 sworn before Notary B.Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ABDUL RAFIQ,** S/o. Mohamed Basha, Residing at, # 70, 5th Cross, Banjara Layout, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560 043, have changed my name to **BASHA ABDUL RAFEEK,** vide affidavit dated: 01-01-2022 before Notary, Prakasha .C., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SREEDHAR.C, residing at No. 42, Rachenahalli, Dr.Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore -560077, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SREEDHAR.C** to **(NEW NAME) SRIDHAR.C** vide affidavit Dated 13/01/2022 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Advocate & Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **Mirji Umesh Shankar S/o Shankar Mirji,** No.30, MIG Colony, Lakmanahalli, Dharward, I state that my name mentioned in all documents as **Mirji Umesh Shankar** but in my passport my name mentioned as **Mirji Umesh**. Hereby declare that **Mirji Umesh Shankar And Mirji Umesh** both the names are one and the same i.e. **Mirji Umesh Shankar** vide Affidavit dated 17.01.2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary Jayalingayya Mudenoormath.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 17.01.2022

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MEGHA KAVI, residing at No. 12022, Sobha Elite, Nagasandra, Tumakuru Road, Bengaluru-560073, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MEGHA KAVI** to **(NEW NAME) MEGHA DESHPANDE** vide affidavit Dated 06/01/2022 sworn before Notary G.S.Susheela, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JAGANATHAN VIJAYA MURTHY resident of No.214, 3rd Cross, 3rd Stage , 2nd Block, Judges Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore- 560079 have changed my name to **JAGANATHAN NARAYANAMURTHY VIJAYA** vide Affidavit dated 14.01.20212 sworn to before Notary C.V. Earappa, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) PRADEEP, residing at No. 12022, Sobha Elite, Nagasandra, Tumakuru Road, Bengaluru-560073, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PRADEEP** to **(NEW NAME) PRADEEP DESHPANDE** vide affidavit Dated 06/01/2022 sworn before Notary G.S.Susheela, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DIVYA .N, W/o. Harish Kumar Chinnaswamy, Aged about 31 years, residing at 'Skanda Sai', No. 102, 2nd Cross, Kasturinagar, Bengaluru-43, have changed my name to **DIVYA HARISH** vide affidavit dated 17-01-2022 sworn to before notary Shreeshaila Aradhya M.S., Shivamogga.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAGAV SRIVATSAV** S/o Mr. Ravindranath Lakshman, residing at F110, Vintage Elite B Block, Near Vijaya Bank Colony, Kodichikkanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bangalore - 560076, have changed my name as **R RAGHAV SRIVATSAV** vide affidavit dated 17-01-2022 before Notary Public **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.,** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHEILA BLANCHE,** aged about 39 years, wife of GAURAV, residing at Shyam Ambika Apartment, Flat No.510, 10/1, Netravati Road, Yelechenahalli, Bangalore-560078, hereby declare that my name in Pan Card, Aadhaar Card, Marriage Certificate, Voter ID, and Bank Records is **SHEILA BLANCHE** and Education Records it is mentioned as **SHEILA BALANCHE,** henceforth, I have decided to continue my name as **SHEILA BLANCHE** vide affidavit dated 17-01-2022 sworn to before notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Nellore Ramu,** S/o Late Nellore Parandama Reddy, aged about 33 years, # F 759, 14th Cross, BEL Layout, 1st Stage, Bharath Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 091, have changed my name from **Nellore Ramu** to **Ram Kumar P** vide my Affidavit dated 17.01.2022 sworn to before M. Venkataraman, Notary, Bangalore. I hereby declare that hereinafter my name shall be called as **Ram Kumar P** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NISHITA KIRAN D/o. Amruth Kiran Rao, aged about 28 years, R/at. No.301, 918, SLV Durga Paradise, 1st Main, V Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560 097 have changed my son's name from **AARITH GOWDA** to **AARITH KIRAN** Vide Affidavit Dated: 17/01/2022, Sworn Before Notary S. Vijayakumar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **A. Naveen Prakash,** Aged about 39 years, S/o. Sri. A. Omprakash and **Smt. Vatsala P.,** Aged about 37 years, W/o. A. Naveen Prakash, both residing at No. 301, Adithya Springs, 2nd Cross, near RR Towers, Amruthanagar, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 097, hereby declare that we are changed our minor son name from **Samanyu Naveen** to **Samanyu Naveen Vatsa**. Vide affidavit dated 17.01.2022 sworn to before Leela, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **RASHMI HEGDE,** aged about 38 years, W/o Pradan H, R/at No. 1152, Surabhi 1st Cross, 2nd Main, 5th Stage, 1st Phase, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098, hereby declare that my names **RASHMI HEGDE, RASHMI NAGAPPA HEGDE, RASHMI N HEGDE** and **RASHMI NAGARAJ HEGDE** belongs to one and the same person, henceforth, I have decided to continue my name in future as **RASHMI HEGDE** vide affidavit dated 17-01-2022 sworn to before notary K.V. Prema Kumari, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SONOLLA SUDHAKARA NAIDU,** aged 35 years, S/o. **S. Venkataramana,** residing at No.08, Manju and Vinod Building, Defense Layout, Phase-2, Avalahalli, Cheemasandra, Virgonagar, Bengaluru-560049, have changed my name to **SOMINENI SUDHAKAR NAIDU** vide affidavit dated: 14-01-2022 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **KUMUDA RAGHUNATH** W/o RAGHUNATH, r/at No.48, 2nd Cross, Yellappa Garden, Banagirinagar, Banashankari III Stage, Bengaluru-85 is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Site No.1, situated at Vijayanagar Layout, Ragimuddenahalli, Tubinakere Panchayat, Kothathi Hobli, Mandya Taluk & Dist. Acquired through Registered Sale Deed Vide Doc. No. MYD-1-10078-2008-09 of Book-I in C.D. No. MDYD89 dtd. 25.02.2009 registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Mandya executed by LINGEGOWDA S/O KYATHEGOWDA.

I inform that I have lost/misplaced my original Sale Deed between 25.12.2021 & 9.1.2022. But inspite of my best efforts, I could not trace out the same. In this regard, I have lodged the complaint through on-line and obtained acknowledgement vide Lost Report 0132168/2022 dtd. 09.01.2022.

If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned above. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

If anybody finds it kindly contact the below mentioned person/contact mobile No. 9483704845/9448350223.

KUMUDA RAGHUNATH

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SMT. R. VASANTHA** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and she has lost the last page i.e., typed page No.7 of original Sale Deed dated 15/06/2004 bearing Document No.11361 / 2004-05, Book-I, stored in CD No.13, executed by Sri.S.Hanumanthaiah represented by his GPA Holder Smt.B.S.Sujatha in favour of Sri.V.V.Narasaraju registered in the office of sub registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, pertaining to the schedule property: In case anybody is in possession of the said document, the same shall be handover to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Corporation No.43, Property ID (PID) No.37-88-43, 4th Main Road, Bangalore City, Previously Property No.128, Ass/Sy.No. Old No.41 New No.64, Khatha No.64, Pattegarapalya Village, Malagalu Dhakle, New Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.37, Govindarajanagar Range, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Square feet, together with existing building thereon and bounded on:**East by:**Property No.46, **West by:** House belongs to Ramesh & Gangacharaiah, **North by:** Property No.113, **South by :**Road,

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.276, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018,

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client instruct to me Smt. Shanthalakshmi, aged about 60 years, W/o Late Venugopal R/at House No.54, 6th Cross, Vasanthnagara, Bangalore, is the owner of the below property. All person having any claim, objections, right, title, or interest, in respect of schedule property or the transaction may file his /her/ their objections in writing with documentary evidence to the under signed or directly to my client within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, falling which it will be deemed as no claims and client will proceed to complete proposed transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the of Residential New No.54, PID. No. 78-90-54, (Old No.65/42) Measuring East to West 30 feet, and North to South 27 feet. Total 810 sq.feet. situated at 6th Cross, Vasanthnagara, BBMP Ward No. 78, Bengaluru. Bounded on East by : Road, West by: Back side, North by: Temple, South by: Common Passage.

MANJUNATH T.G, Advocate
18/4, 2nd Floor, Cubbonet Main Road,
17th Cross, Bangalore. M.9740286800
Email: manju2709@gmail.com
Bengaluru Date: 17/01/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SRI. BASAVANAGOUDA B PATIL** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and he has lost the original 1) Sale Deed dated 20/02/1993 bearing Document No.5629 / 1992-93, Book-I, Volume 340, at pages 53-55, executed by Sri.B.R.Sainath represented by his GPA Holder Sri.B.K.Gopal Setty in favour of Sri.V.S.Shashidhar, 2) Sale Deed dated 20/02/1993 bearing Document No.5630/1992-93, Book-I, Volume 342, at pages 11-13, executed by Sri.B.R.Sainath represented by his GPA Holder Sri.B.K.Gopal Setty in favour of Smt.Rekha Shashidhar, both registered in the office of sub registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore, pertaining to the schedule property: In case anybody is in possession of the said document, the same shall be handover to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Vacant Property bearing Site Nos.36 and 37, Khatha No.361/36 and 361/37, Assessment No.100/1, situated at Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 60 feet, totally measuring 2400 Square feet and bounded as follows : **East by :** Site Nos.42 and 43, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.35, **South by :** Site No.38

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
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PUBLIC NOTICE

(LOSS OF ORIGINAL DEED)

It is informed to the public that our client **SRI. KARTHIKEYAN KUPPUSWAMY,** Son of Mr. KuppuswamySambandam, aged 45 years, Residing at Flat No.311, "Hazzle Block, Raheja Residency, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034, has sworn to an Affidavit dated 17-01-2022 and filed a complaint to the Police Commissioner, Bangalore City on 15/01/2022, for having lost of original SUPPLEMENTARY CUM RECTIFICATION DEED (SETTLEMENT DEED) dated 18-09-2018, registered as document No.ABL-1-04066-2018-19, in Book No.1, stored in CD No.ABLD325, dated 18-09-2018, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Attibele, Anekal Taluk.

The finders of above document is requested to return the above said the SUPPLEMENTARY CUM RECTIFICATION DEED (SETTLEMENT DEED) dated 18-09-2018, to the below mentioned address, within 10 days.

Advocate Address:
N.GANESH, B.A., LL.B, **E.SURESH & HANUMANTHA REDDY.Y,** ADVOCATES,
No.82, 2nd Floor, (M)9448878859,'BDA Shopping Complex' 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.
e-mail:ganigamini123@gmail.com

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

The General Public are hereby informed that the Original Allotment Letter dt. 30.03.1991 and Possession Certificate dt. 01.12.1993 issued by Bharath Electronics Employees Co-Operative House Building Society Limited in respect of Site No.S-70A, B.B.M.P. Khatha No.460/ S-70A, formed in several survey numbers in Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, layout formed by Bharath Electronics Employees Co-Operative House Building Society Limited Now called as BEL Layout, 1st Stage Herohalli, Bengaluru, now comes under B.B.M.P Limits, Ward No.72, measuring East 11 meters West 10 meters North 12.20 meters South 12.20 meters, in all total 128.10 sq meters and bounded on: East by: 40 feet Road West by: Site No.69A North by: Others property South by: Site No.70 are lost by my client and not traced so far and a Police complaint is also lodged in this regard. If any person holding the above document may kindly contact the under signed at the earliest.

GIRISH, Advocate
No. 29/30, 58th Cross, 4th Block,
Rajajinagar Bangalore-560010.
Mob: 9845540992

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Channapatna Branch
APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Channapatna Branch**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 11.02.2022 at 11.30 A.M.** for recovery of **Rs.16,91,632.15** (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Two and Paise Fifteen only) as on **31.12.2021** due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Channapatna Branch** from the Borrower/Mortgagor, **Mr.Dhananjayaraje Arasu,** S/o.Late Mr.Ramachandraraje Arasu and the **Guarantor, Mrs.D.Shruthi,** W/o.Mr.Dhananjayaraje Arasu.

The Reserve Price will be **Rs.41,88,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,18,800/-**

Schedule of Property

Land to the extent of 2700 sq.ft bearing E Khatha No.15290010 1000301350, Old Katha No.1050/23 and the residential building constructed thereat to the extent of 2600 sq.ft. at Honganur Village, Honganur Grama Panchayath, Channapatana Taluk, Ramanagara District, including all amenities standing in the name of Mr.Dhananjayaraje Arasu. Boundaries: North : Property of Mr.Lingachar, South: Road, East : Property of Mr.Ramaraje Arasu, West : Property of Mr.Annadhane Raje Arasu.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website **(www.tmb.in)**

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 13.01.2022

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Legal heirs of the deceased Borrower / Mortgagor and Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Kanakapura Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 21.02.2022 at 1.00 PM** for recovery of **Rs.32,73,502.00** (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Two only) { ie Rs.27,37,072 in Overdraft and Rs.5,36,430/- in GECL} as on **31.12.2021** due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Kanakapura Branch** from the Legal heirs of the deceased Borrower / Mortgagor, **Mr.K.V.Venkatesha, Proprietor, M/s.Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Traders, namely Mrs.Shivamma,** M/o.Late. K.V.Venkatesha, **Minor. Drithi,** D/o.Late.K.V.Venkatesha, **Minor. Dhrusti,** D/o. Late .K.V.Venkatesha and Mrs. H.K.Nethravathi, W/o.Late .K.V.Venkatesha and the **Guarantor Mrs. H.K.Nethravathi,** W/o.Late .K.V.Venkatesha.

The Reserve Price will be **Rs.49,20,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,92,000/-.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Residential Land to an extent of 1505 sq.ft bearing Assessment No: 2781/1897 A and 2782/1897B PID No: 16-6-20, Ward No: 6, and house building with front side Shops constructed thereat at Kumbara Street, Near Tennis Club, Kanakapura Town & Taluk, Ramanagara District standing in the name of Mr.K.V. Venkatesha (deceased mortgagor). Boundaries: North : Vacant site of Mr.K.M.Nagaraju, South :Property of Mr.Narayana alias Venkataramana, East :Property of Mr.Venkatesha, West : Municipal Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website **(www.tmb.in)**

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 14.01.2022

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited
Bengaluru Region (For Kanakapura Branch)

Union Bank of India

Bannerghatta Road Branch
No.138 & 139/1, Ice-Queen's Amber Building, Gr. Floor, Arekere MICO Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076.
Ph: 080-222959647/22959610
E-mail: bm1196@unionbankofindia.com

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below- classified as NPA We have to inform that you the following borrowers whose name and address [each borrower] and the name of the branches where you have availed the credit facilities offering the properties mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount, Same notice returned hence this notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1. Mr. P Nagaraja S/o Puttaswamy, **2. Mrs. Venkatalakshmamma** W/o Puttaswamy, Both R/o. No.139, Byatarayana Doddi, Bhoodanahalli, Bangalore-560083. **Guarantors:1. Mr. Hanumanthappa K** S/o Kenchappa, R/o. No.34, Krishna Reddy Layout near Pragathi Apartment, 24th Main, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078.

Account No.: ABPTL-119630100025954 Limit Amount : Rs.32,00,000/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 24.12.2021, Rs.27,48,377.24 + UCI thereon (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven and Paisa Twenty Four only+ UCI thereon) together with interest.

NPA Date : 23.12.2021 Demand Date : 24.12.2021

Description of the Secured Assets : Schedule Property in the name of Mrs. Venkatalakshmamma "All that piece and parcel of property bearing Gramathana Khatha No. 21/4B, House List No. 08 and Old Khatha No.21 Assessment No. 48 and House No. 07, present V P Khatha No. 21/4B and 21, situated at Konankunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring **East to West:** 35 feet and **North to South:** 45 feet totally measuring 1575 Sq. Ft., and **bounded as follows: East by:** Property belonging to Sri. N. Beerappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** property belonging to Smt. Manjula Devi, **South by:** Property belongs to Sri. Ramachandrappa.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 17.01.2022
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Kanakapura Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 21.02.2022 at 3.30 PM** for recovery of **Rs.5,61,793.22** (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Three and Paise Twenty Two only) as on **31.12.2021** due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Kanakapura Branch** from the Borrower/ Mortgagor, **Mr.H.Srinivasa,** S/o.Mr.Hombalegowda, **Proprietor, M/s.SLV Military Hotel** and the **Guarantor, Mrs. Pushpalatha,** W/o.Mr.H. Srinivas.

The Reserve Price will be **Rs.13,20,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.1,32,000/-.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Residential vacant land to the extent of 1200 sq.ft bearing PID No.42-561-1175A, Property No.11288/740/8/6, at Ward No.20, Ambedkar Nagar, Kanakapura Town and Taluk, Ramanagara District standing in the name of Mr.H.Srinivasa.Boundaries:North : Road, South :Property of Mrs.Renukamma, East :Property of Mrs.Pramila, West : Property of Mrs.Shivaraju.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website **(www.tmb.in)**

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 14.01.2022

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Joint Borrower(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Ramanagara Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 11.02.2022, at 3.00 PM** for recovery of **Rs.16,79,415.85** (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen and Paise Eighty Five only) as on **31.12.2021** due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Ramanagara Branch** from the **Joint Borrowers, Mrs. Reshma Khanum and Mr. Mohammed Aslam Ulla.**

The Reserve Price will be 71,47,000/- and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.7,14,700/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Land to the extent of 1440.00 Sq.ft in Municipal Corporation Khatha No.359/868/39/46/3 and residential building constructed thereat to the extent of 1678.10 Sq.ft (GF – 839.05 Sq.ft + FF – 839.05 Sq.ft) at Tippu Masjid Road,1st Cross, Kothipura Amanikere, Ward No.21, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara - 562159 standing in the name of Mrs.Reshma Khanum, W/o.Mr.Mohammed Aslam Ulla. Boundaries: North : Property of Noorunnisa, South : Municipal Road, East :Property of Mohammad Ishak, West : Private Property.

Note: The above property is also offered as security for the Overdraft of **Rs.10.00 Lakh (Balance outstanding is Rs.10,10,229.86 as on 31.12.2021)** availed by **Mr.Mohammed Aslam Ulla, Proprietor, M/s.S.R.Groups from our Ramanagara Branch.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website (www.tmb.in)

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 14.01.2022

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.
Bengaluru Region (For Ramanagara Branch)

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RAGHUVANAHALLI BRANCH (40653)
No. 3506 BSK 6th Stage, Further Extension, 4th Block, 8 ft Road,
Adjacent to KSIT, Eng. College, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore -560 109 Tel: 080 -28425292

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Under Rule 8(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

A/C No. 1) 54005957281, 2)64093854844, 3)64191829339, 4)64191994461, 5)64191991845

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **30.08.2021** U/s 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the **Borrower Mr. Krishnappa G. S/o Gurappa,** Ex Servicemen Layout, Near Hosahalli, Talaghattapura, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore 560 062 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being the amount **Rs.11,33,311/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven Only) as on **06.08.2021** with future interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/Mortgagers/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Mortgagers, as well as the Public in General that, the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **14.01.2022.**

The Borrowers/Mortgagers/Guarantors in particular, and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property(s), and any dealings with the property(s) will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India, RAGHUVANAHALLI BRANCH (40653)** for an amount of **Rs.11,33,311/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven Only) as on **06.08.2021** and expenses thereon.

The borrower/mortgagor/guarantor's attention is invited to proviso of sub - section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.9, (earlier Hosahalli Gramatan Katha No.337) formed in Sy No.42 of Hosahalli Village, Talaghattapura Panchayat, Uttrahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (Now under BBMP limits) measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, admeasuring 1200 Square feet bounded on: East by: Property No 08, West by: Lands of Ex-Servicemen Society Layout, North by: Lands of Ex-Servicemen Society Layout, South by: Road.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 14.01.2022

Sd/- Chief Manager and Authorized Officer
State Bank of India

DhanlaxmiBank

established 1927

Fort Trivandrum Branch, Second Floor, P.B.No.5067, Karimpanal Arcade, East Fort, Thiruvananthapuram Dist, Kerala-695023.

Regional Office: Thiruvananthapuram Corporate Office: Thrissur

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable properties) [See rule 8(1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 30.04.2021 Calling upon the borrowers/guarantors, **(1) M/s.Air Travel Enterprises India Limited**. 1st Floor, New Corporation Building, Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram – 695033. **(2) Mr.Najeeb Ellias Mohammed,** Managing Director, M/s.Air Travel Enterprises India Limited, TC. 4/1240(2),66 RPD Marg, Kowdiar, Kuravankonam, Trivandrum- 695003. (3) Mr.Zaheer Ellias Najeeb, Director, M/s.Air Travel Enterprises India Limited.,TC. 4/1240 (2), Padiyath House, No.66 RPD Marg, Kuravankonam, Kowdiar P O, Trivandrum- 695003 (4) Mr.Priyan Chacko Oommen, Director, M/s.Air Travel Enterprises India Limited.,Plot No:115, PTP Nagar,Thiruvananthapuram -695038 (5) Mr.Safar Iqbal, Director, M/s.Air Travel Enterprises India Limited., Mullassery House, Perumkuzhi, Sasthavattom, Trivandrum – 695305 (6) Mr.Safeer Basheer Mohammed, Director, M/s.Air Travel Enterprises India Limited., No.1303, Brigade, Metropolis, White field road, Garudachalpalya, Near Gemeni Office, Bangalore- 560 066. **(7) Mr.Tariq Ellias Najeeb,** Director, M/s.Air Travel Enterprises India Limited., Kowdiar Manor, 6 D, Kowdiar P.O., Trivandrum – 695003. **(8) Mr.Kattakath Said Mohhamed Salim,** Director, M/s.Air Travel Enterprises India Limited., Firdaus 9/722-5, Navami Gardens, Sreekaryam, Trivandrum – 695017. **(9) Mr.Rajan Thomas Varghese,** GILEAD, Convent Road, Muttada P.O., Trivandrum – 695 025 **(10) Mr.Joseph Albert Cubello,** 12/442, Sujatha Road, Koovapadam, Ernakulam - 682002. **(11) Mr. P.M. Rose Masood, S/o. Padiyath Abdul Rahiman Mohiyiddin,** C Block, 7D Chakolas Willingdon Enclave, Thevara P O, Ernakulam-682013. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.69,56,48,085.98** (Rupees Sixty Nine Crores Fifty Six Lakhs Fourty Eight Thousand and Eighty five and Paise Ninety Eight Only) as on 31.03.2021 with future interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **17th day of January 2022**.

The borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd., for an amount **Rs.73,90,32,882.70** (Rupees Seventy Three Crores Ninety Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Two and paise Seventy only) as on 31.12.2021 (less remittance if any) and interest thereon.

The borrowers/guarantors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Description of Immovable Property

Company's office space bearing no.M-1 in the Mezzanine Floor of the multi-storied Commercial Complex known as Anchorage Court Complex, Municipal No.127, Brigade Road, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore measuring Super built up area of 2670 Sq.Ft & undivided share of 14% equivalent to 717 Sq. Ft and is in the name of M/s.Air Travel Enterprises (I) Ltd. East- Private Property, West – Tar Road, North- Private Property and South – Junction.

Date: 17.01.2022
Place : Bangalore

Authorised Officer
(Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd)

HDFC

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916
Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020
Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturaba Road, Bangalore - 560001. **Ph :** 080 41183000
Fax: 080 22275754, **E-mail : customer.service@hdfc.com, Website:** www.hdfc.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of the Property
1	**Mrs. Payel Gupta** Wife of Mr. Shakun Gupta **(Borrower)** [since deceased], **Ms. Aarini Gupta Daughter of Mr. Shakun Gupta (Borrower) [since deceased], Mrs. Madhu Gupta** Mother of Mr. Shakun Gupta **(Borrower) [since deceased], And Other Known and Unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Shakun Gupta (Borrower) [since deceased] and Mrs. Payel Gupta (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan Account No.607910309 to Rs.21,40,139/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Forty Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Nine Only) as on 31.07.2021**	**10.08.2021**	**13.01.2022**	**Schedule A:** All that Property measuring **201393.15 Sq. Feet** equivalent to **18709.88 Sq. Mtrs.** forming portion of Property bearing **Sy.Nos.114(P), 120 and 121/3** and situated in Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded by:- East : Internal Road and thereafter **Sector 5 'A and Sector 5 'C1'** within Brigade Meadows; West : Internal Road within 'Brigade Meadows, North : Internal Road and thereafter Sector 5 'C within 'Brigade Meadows, South : Internal Road within 'Brigade Meadows. **Schedule B: 370 Sq. Feet or 34.37 Sq. Mtrs.** Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in land in Schedule A' Property. **Schedule C:** All that Residential Apartment bearing **No.B-1101 in Ground Floor** of **Block-11 in Sector 5 'B-Beech', of 'BRIGADE MEADOWS'** built in Schedule 'A' Property presently bearing E-Khata No.150200300100320343 and admeasuring **789 Sq. Feet** of built up area and **161 Sq. Feet** of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and totally measuring **950 Sq. Feet** of super built up area approximately, with right to use One Sheltered Car Parking Space in Surface Level and the apartment is bounded by: East : Open Space in Block-11, Type 'B-Beech' at Sector-5 of 'Brigade Meadows, West : Open Space in Block-11, Type B-Beech' at Sector-5 of 'Brigade Meadows, North : Apartment No. B-1202 in Ground Floor of Block-12, Type 'B-Beech' at Sector 5 of 'Brigade Meadows', South : Apartment No.B-1102 in Ground Floor of Block-11, Type B-Beech' at Sector-5 of 'Brigade Meadows'.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation.

However, since the borrower mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of **HDFC** have taken possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.**

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Pnachanma drawn and Inventory madeare available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower is requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 18.01.2022
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : E-tender No 69/2021-22/SE/Q jjm-Anchal-Phase2-JICA-gap closing work and extension of existing pipe line for additional coverage of Anchal grama panchayath
EMD: Rs.1,00,000/- Tender fee : Rs.7500+1350
Last Date for submitting Tender: 27-01-2022 02:00:pm
Phone : 0474-2745293
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in,
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in (Sd/-), Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-913-2021-22 PH Circle, Kollam

KARNATAK UNIVERSITY, DHARWAD
P.G.Dept of Studies in Biotechnology & Microbiology
Pavate Nagar, Dharwad-580 003. Karnataka

No. KUD/ BT .MB /VGST/Tender/2021-22/ **date 14/01/2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement System only)

Tenders are invited from reputed Manufacturing Companies/Authorized dealers for the supply of Scientific Equipments to Principal Investigator, (VGST Project), Dept of Biotechnology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, for the year 2021-22. Last date for submission of online tender form is 31/01/2022. For more details visit www.kud.ac.in and download the information from website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-REGISTRAR

BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN (P) LIMITED
(Wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India)
P.O.: RBNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.
Phone No.: 03227-280176 / 280317; Fax No.:03227-280744 / 280222

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Tenders under Two Part bidding system are invited from experienced, resourceful, reputed and bonafide Suppliers/Service Providers/Agencies/Contractors (as applicable) for the following:-

1. SUPPLY OF SULPHONATED CASTOR OIL AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER NO. 057/SAL/MMD/2021-22. [ESTIMATED COST – ₹ 72 LAKHS]
2. SUPPLY OF CLOSED METAL BODY CONTAINERIZED TRUCKS & HIRING OF ESCORT VEHICLES ALONG WITH DRIVER (WITH YELLOW NUMBER PLATE) ON ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR FIVE YEARS ON YEARLY RENEWABLE BASIS, TENDER NO. 058/SAL/MMD/2021-22. [ESTIMATED COST – ₹ 352.65 LAKHS]

Last date of submission of all the above tenders is **18.02.2022 by 11:30 Hrs.** For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in**. Further extension or amendment/s, if any will be uploaded on our website only. *General Manager*

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
Phone No: 08539–222318 Fax No: 08539-222317email :eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

IFT No. PWD:DK:RD:KW-3:2021-22:3345 **Date: 03-01-2022.**

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-4 on e-procurement Portal, Head of Account : 5054-03-337-0-16-154 State Highway Bridges Improvements (Plan) /2021-22. Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Total number of works 02. Max: Estimate Amount Rs. 100.00 Lakhs & Min: Estimate Amount Rs. 95.00 Lakhs. (Work Indent Nos. 143620 & 143404) The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after 03-01-2022. E.M.D, Tender processing fee, Last date & time for Tender Queries/clarification, Opening of Financial Bid date as mentioned in e-Proc Portal. Last date & time for receipt of tenders 19-01-2021 Time 16.00, Date and time for opening of technical bid 20-01-2022 Time 16.30.

Sd/-
EE PWD Division.Koppal.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **Gulnaz Begum W/o. Mohammed Sadiq** aged about 52 years, Rial No. 12/3, 5th Cross, Bapujinagar, Near Saraswathi Vidyalaya, Government Electric Factory, Bengaluru-560026 & others have filed the petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **IRSHAD BEGAUM W/o. Late Shaikh Ahmed, as she was died on 28-12-2018 at No. 173, 3rd Cross, Ramasandra Main Road, Chikkabasthi, Ullalu Post, Bengaluru-560056.** If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as above **on or before 20/01/2022 in C. Misc. No. 5632/2021.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR,
COURT OF THE 38th A.C.M.M BENGALURU
MANJULA BAI, Advocates

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064
FAX:080-28460367, PH:080-28072712
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in
e-mail:smm.p3.rwf@gmail.com

Corrigendum dated 11.01.2022 to Tender Notice No.RWF/S/004/2021-22 Dated 09/11/2021

The Tender due dates of Open Tender Number P2215743 viz. Auto Lancing System and P2215675 viz. PNG Pipeline to SPC Bay are postponed from **10/01/2022 to 09/02/2022 at 15.00 hrs.** All the other terms and conditions remain unaltered.

Principal Chief Materials Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **S. SANTHOSH KUMAR,** S/o. Sri. M. Selvaraj and **R.NAVEEN KUMAR,** S/o. Sri. K.Ravi, propose to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from Smt. Prasanna, D/o. Late. Gurrappa and Smt. Ramakka and W/o. late. T. Mariyappa, aged about 58 years, R/at No. 55, 2nd Cross, Vivekananda Block, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru 560 003. Any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the schedule property may lodge their objections and/or claims with undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **7 days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/ objections & for clarification @ MOB: 9047585482, 7829077725.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing New No. 31, Old Katha No. 216, Assessment No. 10/2, situated at **5th Cross, Veerabhadrappa Road, BYATAGUTTAPALYA alias RAMASWAMY PALYA, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** now currently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), bearing PID No. 87-464-31, measuring East to West 13 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, ad measuring 520 square feet and bounded on : **East by: Private property; West by: Property belonging to Sri. Raju; North by: Property belonging to Sri. Muniswamy and South by: 20 Feet Road.**

Prakash. V Advocate @
P&P ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
Kalyana Nagar, Bangalore-560 043.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has negotiated for the purchase of the Dry Land comprised in Sy.No127/1 of Machohalli Village, situated at Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring 0.06 ¾ Guntas (more fully described in the schedule hereunder) from **SRI.JAVEED AHMED,** S/o.Sri. Riyaz Ahmed, for valuable consideration.

If any person/s entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has or claiming any charge, lien, encumbrance or any right, title, interest, share and claim, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the owners and upon the schedule property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of undersigned in writing together with all details of right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation or demand within Ten (10) days from the date of this notice, failing which, such claim shall be considered to have been waved or given up and our client shall be entitled to purchase the schedule property. Objections or claims are received after the expiry of the period stipulated above along with grace period of Three (03) days shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Dry Land comprised in Sy.No127/1 of Machohalli Village, situated at Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring 0.06¾ Guntas out of 11 Guntas of land and bounded on the : **East :** Road, **West by :** Private Land, **North by :** Portion of same Survey Number land sold to Sri.Raju, **South by :** Land belongs to Sri.Lakshminarayan & Smt.S.Roopa.

Sd/ H.T.NATARAJA, Advocate
113, 1st floor, Inspirations Art Framing Gallery Building, 2nd Main, Seshadhripuram, Bangalore-560 020.
Mob: **9845012696.**
Place: Bangalore Date: 17-01-2022

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2021-22/13206 **Date:14.01.2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited Invites 7 no's of Civil Engineering Works in Transmission Zone, Kalaburagi on Total Turnkey basis.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notifications regarding subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL webstie: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E-Procurement" from 18.01.2022.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy, Transmission Zone,
KPTCL, Prasaran Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No: KPCL/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT11968/Call-2 Date: 17.01.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the qualified bidders for the work of **"Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of CCTV surveillance systems at Ambikanagar, Ganeshgudi and Kadra Projects".** The last date for receipt of completed bids: **24.01.2022 at 17: 25 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (O), O/o the Chief Engineer (O&M) KALI, KPCL. Ambikanagar-581363. Tq: Haliyal. Dist: Uttarakannada. Telephone: 08284-258625. Mobile No.: 9449599120. e-Mail: kpcl.ambikanagar@gmail.com website: www.karnatakapower.com**

Office of The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Chitradurga.
Phone No:- (0) 08194-230294

No./EE./PD/CTA/TECH/TND/2021-22/403 Date: 11.01.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTICE-2ND CALL

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender Notification published by Executive Engineer, Project Division, Chitradurga. Vide NO.EE/PD/CTA/Tender/2021-22/367, Dated: 31.12.2021 in Kannada News Paper Hosadiganatha, Udayavani & English News Paper The Hindu on 02.01.2022. The above mentioned Tender Notification extended date to inevitable reasons & any Contractors has not participated in Tender Bidding Corrizondam Hence 2nd Call Tender is called. The Dates are as shown below (1) Last date for online submission of Technical & Financial Bid:- 25.01.2022, 16.30 (Hrs) (Work Indent No: 5272, 5273) (2) Opening Of Technical Bid :- 28.01.2022, 11.00 (Hrs) (Work Indent No: 5272, 5273) (3) Opening Of Financial Bid :- 31.01.2022, 15.00 (Hrs) (Work Indent No: 5272, 5273) or the next convenient date

DIPR/CTA/MCA/768/2021-22

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Project Division, Chitradurga.

PARADIP PORT TRUST
PARADIP-754142, ODISHA (INDIA)
SAGARMALA

(An autonomous body under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt of India)

No. AD/RSC-II-21/10/06(Pt.)/119 Dated, the 13th Jan., 2022

Advertisement

Applications are invited from Indian Nationals for engagement of 01 (one) **Horticulture Consultant** on contractual basis in Paradip Port Trust.

For further details, visit our website ***www.paradipport.gov.in***

Sr. Asst. Secretary
PPT/PR/140/21-22 **Dated: 17.01.2022**

National Centre For Cell Science, Pune
NCCS Complex, S. P. Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune – 411 007.
Advt. No. NCCS/NCMR/P01/2022

RECRUITMENT FOR PROJECT POSITIONS

NCCS invites online applications from Indian nationals for the following posts on the Project entitled "Establishment of Centre of Excellence for National Centre for Microbial Resource (NCMR)" purely on temporary basis till the end of the project i.e. up to September 30 2022.

Sr.No.	Name of the post	Number of post
1)	Consultant	02
2)	Scientist 'C'	03
3)	Scientist 'B'	03
4)	Technician 'C' (Lab)	03
5)	Technician 'B' (Lab)	05
6)	Technician 'B' (Computer)	01

The prescribed application format, detailed specifications, and other terms and conditions of the positions; please see our Advt.No.NCCS/NCMR/P01/2022 under the Careers tab in project positions on our website (http://www.nccs.res.in). For any updates, Please check our website. English, Hindi & Marathi version of this advertisement is available on our website.

The Director, NCCS, Pune

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No. CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AE-1/F-1413/2021-22/17293-94&17291-92 Date: 17.01.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Mode Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, invites bids for the following works against bid enquiry numbers on **Total Turnkey Basis.**

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/TK-215 for Augmentation of 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer-3 by 1x31.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at **Electronic City Phase-2 Sec-2 (Malgudi) sub-station** in Bengaluru South Taluk & Urban District.

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/TK-216 for Augmentation of 2x8MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV **Chatra** sub-station in Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District.

For above works including supply of all materials / equipments and erection (including Civil Works) of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning.

The bids will be received through **'e-Procurement Mode' only.** The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'e-Procurement-KPTCL'** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **21.01.2022.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy,
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Ananda Rao Circle,
Bengaluru - 560 009, Tel: 080-22282601

Irrigation Department , office of the Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle, Irrigation , Ernakulam

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

Name of Work	DRIP PHASE-II- Replacement of 5 Nos. Barrage Shutters, 2Nos. of River Sluice shutter, Chain hoist and overhauling of hoisting mechanism etc. of MANIYAR BARRAGE at Pathanamthitta District
Tender ID	202I_MCIE 463732_1
RFB No.	**DRIP/PIP/SE/MECH/01/2021-22/NS, Dated:29.12.2021**
Date of Publishing	31.12.2021
Bid Submission end Date	08.02.2022
EMD	6,67,364/-
Tender Class	A-Class

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer

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NOTIFICATION NO. 27/2022

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Name of the post	No. of post	Mode of recruitment
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Controller of Examinations	(01-UR)	
Internal Audit Officer	(01-UR)	Deputation basis:

Interested candidates may please visit: www.cuk.ac.in for more details. The last date to receive the application forms completed in all respects is 17/02/2022 up to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Kalaburagi
Date:11/01/2022 **REGISTRAR**

Ballari Urban Development Authority,
Ballari–583 101. Office Of Commissioner,
BUDA, Near H.R.G.Circle,Ballari-583101
Web: www.bellary.uda.gov.in e-mail:combudably@gmail.com
Phone: 273731 Comm (per): 277706 Fax: 278651

No : BUDA/Bly/Engg/Auction Plan/78 & 81/2020-21 **date:13.01.2022**

RE - TENDER PUBLICATION (Trough e-Procurement)

Ballari Urban Development Authority Budget 2020-21 which was approved by Govt of Karnataka and the Proposed Developmental Work was approved in Ballari Urban Development Authority Meeting dated : 31.07.2020 Vide Subject No:09. **Name of Work :- Open Gym Equipments in Parks of 1) Gold Smith Colony 2)Soudagar Colony 3)Bhuvanagiri Colony 4) M.R.V Layout and 5) Siddartha Colony of Ballari City, Ballari at Estimated Cost of Rs 82.70 Lakhs.**

The Above work as per KW-3. Tender has been Initiated through e-Procurment Portal Karnataka. Eligible PWD Contractors may Participated the details as follows :-
Last Date of Submiting Tender: **on : 29.01.2022 at 04:00 pm**
Opening of Technical Bid : **on :31.01.2022 at 11:00 am**
Opening of Financial Bid : **on :07.02.2022 at 11:00 am**

Any further information contact Ballari Urban Development Authority, HRG Circle, Ballari or Phone No: 08392-273731 or www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The Commissioner, Ballari Urban Development Authority, Ballari is having Power to Accept or Reject the Tender. All the Terms and Conditions are Applicable as per Tender Documents.

Sd/- Commissioner,
Ballari Urban Development Authority, Ballari
DIPR/Ballari/640/MCA/2021-22

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No: KRRDA/TECH/02/208/TND/NOT-4/2021-22/4980 Date: 17-01-2022

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka. Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency invites item rate tenders by one cover / two cover system through e-Procurement portal for below mentioned package works. The schemes are fully funded by the Government of Karnataka.

1) Scheme: **Different Scheme Works (PMGSY-III/NGNRY/SDP/SCP-TSP/PMGSY INCENTIVE). 2)** Sanctioned Estimate Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): **Minimum - 5.00, Maximum - 1900.00. 3)** EMD with respect to Amount Put to Tender: **As per the Schemes mentioned in the e-Procurement.**

Calendar of Events: 1) Last date for online submission of Technical and Financial Bid: **07-02-2022 upto 16.30 Hrs. 2)** Opening of Technical Bid: **08-02-2022 at 17.30 Hrs. 3)** Opening of Financial Bid: **After Completing Technical Bid Evaluation.**

1) The Class-I Contractors who have registered in PWD / CPWD (Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering. Award of contract depends on technical capability, work carrying capacity and financial resourcefulness of the bidders. **2)** The Contractors who are terminated from KRRDA for non completion of works and who have been terminated for not maintaining PMGSY/ NGNRY roads are not eligible for participating in the tendering. **3)** For any further information, the concerned **Executive Engineer, Project Division** may be contacted. **4)** Details can be had from the **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and the list of packages can be had from **http://krrda.in**

Sd/- Tendering Officer,
DIPR/DDU/Adverto/2883/2021-22 **KRRDA, RDPR, Bangalore.**

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KAVARATTI-682 555

F.No: 42-12/2020-21 DHS **Dated: 14.01.2022**

Notice Inviting Re-E Tender

Department of Health Services U.T of Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti invites competitive Re-E-Tender from the Original Licensed Manufacturers or their Authorized Distributors / Agents for the following work as detailed below.

Name of Work	Procurement and supply of X Ray items required for All Health Institutions
Tender Fee / Cost of Tender Form	₹ 1000 + 18% GST (Rs.1180)
Bid Document available for downloading from	18.01.2022 10.00 AM
Bid Document available for downloading up to	31.01.2022 04.00 PM
Last date & Time for submission of Bid	31.01.2022 04.00 PM
Opening of Technical Bid	31.01.2022 04.30 PM
Opening of Financial Bid	10.02.2022 05.00 PM

Tender Document containing detailed terms & conditions and goods required can be downloaded from the website **www.laksahdweep.gov.in.** Bidders willing to participate in the tender shall visit the e-tender website **www.tendersutl.gov.in** for participation.

For any help / query, please contact representative of the Department through email **(bufferhealthdhs@gmail.com & healthtenders786@gmail.com or Telephone (04896262819)** and for any help in processing of e-tender please contact E-Tender helpdesk Shri. Hassan Mobile-9495045626, Shri. Sakeer Hussain. Mobile. 9447510207.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL) invites e-Tenders under two cover bid system (Bid I: Prequalification & Techno Commercial bid and Bid II: Price Bid) from eligible contractors for the following works at TIZ, Kalamassery.

Sl. No.	Name of work	PAC (Exclusive of GST)	EMD	Due Date
1.	Interior Fit-Out works Electrical/ HVAC /FPS & FAS related works for Building-1 at TIZ, Kalamassery, Kochi.	Rs.16,10,30,214 /-	Rs. 5,00,000/-	07/02/2022, 15:00 Hrs.
2.	Supply & installation of furniture for Building 1 &2 at TIZ, Kalamassery, Kochi.	Rs.7,52,60,156 /-	Rs. 2,00,000/-	08/02/2022, 15:00 Hrs.
3.	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of data & networking /CCTV & access control system for Building-1 at TIZ Kalamassery, Kochi.	Rs.4,38,46,136 /-	Rs. 2,00,000/-	08/02/2022, 15:00 Hrs.
4.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of AV System for Theatre/ General Theatre & Stage Lighting /AV System for Conference Room at Building 1 at TIZ Kalamassery, Kochi.	Rs. 6,10,73,526 /-	Rs. 2,00,000/-	07/02/2022, 15:00 Hrs.

Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website www. etenders.kerala.gov.in. Funded by Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB).
(A Statutory Body Under Finance Department, Govt of Kerala).

Date: 17/01/2022
Thiruvananthapuram,

Managing Director,
Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,
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Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/46, Email:tmupur99@gmail.com Fax: 0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Tender Notification only through E-procurement)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-Procurement tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the listed below:

Sl. No.	E-Procurement Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9762 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of AMCU Units – 10 Units	34,500-00
2	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9763 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Solar Power Pack – 10 Unit.	7,200-00
3	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9764 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply & Installation of 200 LPD Solar Water Heating System – 20 Nos.	11,750-00
4	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9765 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply of Freeze Dried Direct Vat Set Culture (Dahi Culture) for Production of 50 Lakh Kgs. of Curd On ARC Basis.	50,000-00
5	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9766 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply of Coffee Powder – 600 Kgs. and Tea Powder - 1000 Kgs on ARC Basis	23,000-00
6	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9767 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply of different types of PP Boxes for Mysore Pak - 2,10,000 Nos., Shrink Sleeves – 2,10,000 Nos. & Assorted Sweet Covers – 50,000 Nos.	31,200-00
7	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9768 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply of Canteen Consumables For 12 Months As Per Our Requirement, Terms And Technical Specification	15,500-00
8	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9769 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply, Installation And Commissioning of 63 KVA Transformer With Accessories -1 Unit	16,250-00
9	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9773 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply of Ammonia Gas in 50 kgs. capacity returnable cylinders on ARC Basis - 15,000 Kgs.	28,500-00
10	KMF/TCMU/PANDI/2021-22/ AMCUM Dt: 11-01-2022	Bi-Annual Maintenance of AMCUs – 628 Nos.	70,000-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 17-01-2022 to 01-02-2022/ 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **01-02-2022/ 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (cover 1): **02-02-2022/ 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

PART – B

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Tender Notification only through E-procurement)

Sl. No.	E-Procurement Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2021-22/ IND9770 Dt: 11-01-2022	Supply Of Corrugated Box to pack 500 ML,450 ML,160 ML & 100 ML Flexi pack On ARC Basis Total - 12,95,000 Nos.	4,92,000-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 17-01-2022 to 16-02-2022/ 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **16-02-2022/ 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (cover 1): **17-02-2022/ 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

क्र. सं. / Sl. No.	सिविल कार्यों के नाम / NAME OF THE CIVIL WORKS	प्राक्कलित लागत Estimated Cost ₹(लाखों में) (in Lakhs)	कार्य पूरा होने की अवधि Period of completion	ईएमडी EMD(₹)
1	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-92/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-45/2021-22	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-92/MI/CPH-45/2021-22		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के सी.एस.टी. नियंत्रण केंद्र में बैटरी कक्ष और सी.एस.टी.-सी.टी.आर. में बैटरी कक्ष, विश्राम कक्षों का निर्माण तथा विद्यमान शौचालय का रूपांतरण। **Construction of battery room in CST control centre & Battery room, Rest Rooms and conversion of Existing toilet in CST-CTR at IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	17.23	05 (पाँच महीने / Five months)	34,500
2	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-93/ एमए/ सीपीएच-46/2021-22	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-93/MA/CPH-46/2021-22		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के "बी" और "सी" ग्रुप क्षेत्रों में विभिन्न भवनों/ सुविधाओं में क्षतिग्रस्त वस्तुओं के प्रतिस्थापन सहित ऐलुमिनियम संबंधित विभाजन, दरवाजों और खिड़कियों के रखरखाव कार्य। **Maintenance works of Aluminium related partition, doors & windows including replacement of damaged items at various buildings/ facilities in 'B' &'C' Group areas at IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	20.79	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve months)	41,600
3	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-96/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-48/2021-22	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-96/MI/CPH-48/2021-22		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि की विभिन्न सुविधाओं के लिए जलसह उपचार करना। **Providing water proof treatment for various facilities at IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	24.91	06 (छह महीने / Six months)	49,900
4	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-97/ एमए/ सीपीएच-49/2021-22	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-97/MA/CPH-49/2021-22		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के ग्रुप "ए" और "डी" क्षेत्रों तथा सीआईएसएफ/ अनिवार्य कर्मचारी हाउसिंग कॉलोनी में भी विभिन्न भवनों/ सुविधाओं में एलुमिनियम और लकड़ी के योजन संबंधी कार्य का रखरखाव कार्य, क्षतिग्रस्त/ टूटे हुए कांच, आभासीय छतों, फर्श शीट, हार्डवेयर साजसामान, आतप नियंत्रण फिल्म इत्यादि का प्रतिस्थापन। **Maintenance works of Aluminium and wooden Joineries Replacement of damaged/broken glasses, false ceilings, floor sheets, hardware fittings, sun control films etc., at various buildings/facilities in Group "A" & "D" areas and also in CISF/Essential Staff Housing colony, IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	33.97	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve months)	68,000
5	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-99/ एमए/ सीपीएच-51/2021-22	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-99/MA/CPH-51/2021-22		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के सीआईएसएफ/ अनिवार्य कर्मचारी हाउसिंग कॉलोनी में घरों से कचरा संग्रह आदि सहित रूट ज़ोन बेड, तरलित मीडिया रिएक्टर, कम्पोस्ट मशीन, बायो-गैस संयंत्र, प्लास्टिक-श्रेडर, पंप, जल टंकी, सेप्टिक टंकी, सामान्य सुविधाओं, जैसी सिविल प्रणाली का प्रचालन और रखरखाव। **Operation & Maintenance of Civil Systems such as Root Zone Bed, Fluidized Media Reactors, Compost Machines, Bio-gas Plants, Plastic-shredders, Pumps, Water Tanks, Septic Tanks, Common Facilities, including collection of garbage from house-holds etc., in CISF/Essential staff housing colony, IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	23.38	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve months)	46,800

ऑनलाइन निवेदन करने की तिथि : Dates for Online Request : From **14-01-2022 [10:00 बजे/hours]** से To: **24-01-2022 [18:00 बजे/hours]** तक।

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EDITORIAL

> "You burnt the three castles altogether and the three pondered over Your greatness and took refuge in You. You made them rule *svarga*. Having learnt this fame of Yours, I have come to You
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HAS CASTE TRUMPED MACRO-RELIGIOUS POLITICS IN INDIA?

Two events are dominating election headlines. One, the Election Commission rescheduling voting in Punjab from February 14 to 20. Two, the decamping of several BJP figures on the eve of polling. Are both linked?

Let's pick the second first. Last-minute party-hopping is not uncommon in India, but what's striking is a persistent logic (beyond enlightened self-interest). In the mini-exodus that Uttar Pradesh saw a few days ago, all the exits were by leaders from sundry OBC communities. Did they manage to turn sufficiently 'socialist' on election eve to be able to join the Samajwadi Party? Of course not. What it marks out is purely a politics where a set of individuals who claim a strong catchment area in their respective castes dominate the field. Caste is a perennial issue, but why is it so critical this time? Because a party's worth, especially in UP, will be evaluated by its ability to stitch together a bigger caste coalition. All candidate selection is sharp-focused on that—forget Ayodhya or the Yogi regime's governance record. That's why the BJP gave tickets to 44 OBCs in its first list to offset the desertions. It also sealed an alliance with the Nishad Party, which helps it cover a key caste niche in the riverine belts of eastern UP: the boatmen community. All this is urgent work because the SP is trying to expand on its old Muslim-Yadav social alliance by wooing other OBCs/EBCs and sections of the Dalits.

If the EC had been doing similar due diligence, there's no sign of it. Election dates used to be determined after taking into account major examination schedules, the festival calendar, etc. This time it missed the fact that Ravidas Jayanti fell on February 16: That's a full pilgrimage to Varanasi for vast numbers from Punjab's Dalit Ravidasi community. At 31.9%, Punjab has one of the highest Dalit population ratios in India. In both events, India's underlying caste matrix seems to trump macro-religious politics.

FOREST COVER RISES, BUT QUESTIONS REMAIN

The exuberance of the government of India and the forest bureaucracy, in particular, surrounding the India State of Forest Report 2021 is understandable. Going by plain facts, the latest assessment by the Forest Survey of India (FSI) says that the country has added about 1,540 sq km of forest cover as compared to the 2019 assessment. Several states like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Karnataka and Jharkhand have contributed majorly to the increase in forest cover. Currently, India's forest cover stands at 7,13,789 sq km or 21.71% of the total geographical area. The continued good show on this front is attributed to effective conservation strategies apart from well-implemented afforestation programmes. However, not everyone agrees with the feel-good factor the statistics bring. Scratch the surface and one finds that India's green cover in very dense forest (VDF) and open forest (OF) categories have grown but the country has lost about 1,582 sq km in the moderately dense forest (MDF) bracket. This, analysts point out, is a cause of concern. At least 11 states have reported a decline in total forest cover whereas 21 have recorded a loss in MDF. The continuous loss in the moderate forest over the years must be arrested at once.

More important are questions that are being raised about assessment methodology, definition of a forest, map data and their verifiability. After the self-congratulatory phase that followed the release of the ISFR 2021, experts have come out in open not only dissecting the outcome of the survey and the way data is generated, but also claim that India may have been losing critical forests over the years contrary to what the biennial report suggests. The claim that green cover in the open forest category includes even commercial plantations deserves a fresh look. Besides, states such as Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya and Mizoram have recorded a decline in forest cover. The Centre must bear this in mind as the Northeast is a critical region from a biodiversity point of view. With climate change impacts being felt across the sectors and future of the coming generations at stake, there is no room for complacency and the country could well do with more transparency.

If we look back at the economic brand image of India, it was built by a few such as TCS, Infosys or Wipro. But today, it depends on multiple start-ups

START-UPS, THE NEW STAR IN OUR MIDST

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Brand Guru & Founder, Harish Bijoor Consults

SOUMYADIP SINHA

The PM has announced that henceforth, January 16 will be celebrated as National Start-up Day. In many ways, these new days being notified represent an addition to the many traditional festivals India celebrates. Only the new ones are about the future. In this case, economic.

Start-up is therefore the new star in our midst. Every few decades, we have a new focus and new vision in the business-scape. And every vision is all about the needs of the future, both immediate and distant, that the nation wants to address.

Look back. At the point of Independence, it was all about "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan". It was about a business vision for the nation that looked at security at one end and productivity at the other. As a person born nearly two decades after India's Independence, the best I can do is eke out visual metaphors of this in the cinematic archives of India. Out here, the big ones are "Mother India" and the big star Manoj Kumar. The dominant vision for the nation at that point was to drive self-sustainability in every realm, particularly the food the nation wanted. Production, productivity and saving precious foreign exchange remained the dominant theme for years thereafter.

The decades that followed have focused on themes that have become visions to chase and achieve. As agriculture boomed and as Operation Flood got plentiful milk for India, manufacturing became an arena to focus. Out here, once again the idea was to remain outside the ambit of imports of the basics. Subsequently came the push on manufacturing-for-exports to earn valuable foreign currency. Corporate brands that could achieve this were given tax holidays and every other kind of export sop. And then came the push towards the vision of a nation that created services of every kind for itself first and for export later. In came the BPO revolution with the first healthscribe of India that got doctors' prescriptions from overseas, leveraging on the time difference between the US and India.

The BPO then led its way into value-added remote services being delivered to the world out of India. In came the end-to-end services revolution that has become the hallmark of India to date, with the success brought in by TCS, Infosys and Wipro. The end-to-end services industry itself morphed over the years from being a basic body-shopping outfit of good value, to being a superior services provider of bigger value.

India then paused its end-to-end services continuum for a while and has begun a very robust start-up culture. Our 77,000 plus start-ups to date represent the beginning of a new vision for the nation, and they contribute and operate in as many as 73 verticals of industry.

And what's spurring this? The ultimate motivator of them all: Money. There is a virtual stampede of investors looking out for killer ideas. And the motivation for this stampede is again money. Investors seek to make more money than ever before in this realm.

At the other end, the entrepreneur is creating a glut of ideas to chase. Out here, again, money is a motivator. Entrepreneurs have made billions out of big ideas to date in the world of start-ups. Innovation of every kind is being spurred on by this quest, once again by money. A virtuous cycle is at play then. Young India is thinking up new ideas into bootstrapped enterprises in action. These enterprises are showcasing themselves to investors who have a large set-up of their own to just do a search and due diligence, looking out for the next big unicorn possibility. The funded ideas are growing into enterprises that are offering jobs and importantly ESOPs to a brave new breed of Indians who believe more in the start-up than in the brick-and-mortar workplace of yore. And everyone wants to be a unicorn for now, before the first hectocorn ($100 billion valuation start-up) comes by.

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And out of these start-ups have emerged our unicorns (the Indian "Ekashringa", if you may). Even as I type this onto my desktop, we have 83 unicorns, start-ups with a valuation of $1 billion plus. As many as 39 new ones are poised on the verge of becoming unicorns, well nigh over the next six months. As the world will celebrate its 1,000th unicorn, India will surely celebrate its 100th, representing a robust 10% market share.

I do believe the next 10 years ahead for India is the digital decade. Digitalism is the new religion. To an extent India of the future will be built by thousands of start-ups that will spur the innovation process to a point of over-heatedness. Money will be poured in by investors of every kind. Money will be equally burnt by entrepreneurs of every different dispensation. Out of a thousand, one will win. And this win will compensate for all the losses. And this win will then spur on an entire new generation of ideas that will continue the virtuous cycle.

If we look back at the economic brand image of India, it was built by a few. It was the Tatas, the Birlas and in more recent times, the Ambanis and the Adanis. Then came an era of the eighties when India meant Infosys, Wipro and TCS in that order (never mind what the revenue pecking order was). Again, a clutch of few companies dominating the image of a business sector.

I think today and tomorrow are different on that count. The economic brand image of India today depends not on the single but on the multiple. Multiple start-ups across multiple sectors will define India of the future. To that extent, I do agree with PM Modi when he said that start-ups are the "backbone of new India".

In closing, if there is an immediate wish I have, it is this ardent desire to see India's first agri-centric startup unicorn. Rather sooner than much later.

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TRIPURA SAMHARA IN SCULPTURE AND PAINTING

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Tripura Samhara is an interesting episode in the lore of Siva, vividly narrated in ancient Indian epics and *puranas*. As Tripurari or Tripura Samhari or Tripura Dahana *murti*, Siva destroyed three mighty brothers with one arrow.

According to tradition, the demon brother chieftains—namely Tarakaksha, Kamalaksha and Vidyunmali—were sons of Tarakasura who was killed by Kartikeya. The Tripura brothers had built impregnable cities of their own. They could move anywhere along with the entire cities. The *Padma Purana* has a detailed narration and says that the brothers were troubling all divinities. They were undefeated by anyone as they had a boon that they could only be killed by Siva, that too when the three brothers met (which happened once in a 1,000 years) and with a single arrow. All Gods went to Siva and requested him to fight these brothers to save the divine world. Subsequently every God transferred their strength to Siva. Vishwakarma made an almighty chariot. Brahma was the charioteer while the four Vedas became reins of the horses. The Sun and Moon Gods became the front wheels of the chariot and the Ashwini Devatas became the back wheels, while the Gandharvas became the spokes. Surya gave his seven horses. Agni, Yama and Soma became the head of the arrow, while the Mandara hill became the bow. And Vishnu poured his energy into the bow and arrow.

The *Bhagavata Purana* too has an interesting narrative. The elements of the *ratha* are symbolically associated: the chariot as Dharma, charioteer as Jnana and so forth. The *Mahabharata's Shalya Parva* has a beautiful narration of the Tripurantaka episode. Duryodhana recalls the Tripurantaka episode and compares Shalya to Brahma and Karna to Siva.

Indian artists have vividly delineated the theme, with Siva in *alidha* posture having a large bow and standing on the *ratha*, and Brahma as the charioteer. The chariot is pulled by seven horses. Gauri would also be seen on the chariot. The Tripurasuras are usually depicted using an architectural motif such as multiple shrines or three circles indicating the individual cities. Artists would adjust the theme according to availability of the space. Siva would be depicted with two or more arms, and shooting an arrow towards these cities. Usually, the bow and arrow are seen in the hands. Sometimes, a sword, shield, serpent and axe would also be shown.

In one of the early sculptures from the Badami Chalukya period from Pattadakal, an eight-armed Siva is depicted as standing in the *ratha* driven by Brahma (early 8th century). In the sculpture that is presently preserved in the Badami ASI Museum, Siva's consort Gauri is also depicted as seated in the chariot driven by tiny horses. Siva has a bow, shield, sword, serpent and other attributes and is engaged in shooting the arrow. Tripuras—the three cities—are shown side by side in the form of a shrine. Siva's arrow touches the three cities as if symbolically depicting their destruction. A similar example can be seen on a pillar of the Kashi Vishweshwara Temple in Pattadakal.

A good number of Tripura Samhara sculptures and paintings are also found in the monuments of the Pallava, Rashtrakuta, Chola, Hoysala and Vijayanagara periods. The Tripurantaka image at the Ellora Kailasanatha (Rashtrakuta, 8th century CE) follows the Pattadakal tradition, with Siva standing on the chariot, while Gauri and Brahma are depicted as seated. The Brihadishwara Temple in Thanjavur (Chola, early 11th century CE) has a beautiful narrative of the episode painted on the outer wall of the *garbhagriha*. The narration is impressive in its delineation. Siva is depicted as vigorously standing in *alidha* posture and shooting an arrow towards the brothers.

Tripura Samhara narrations are imaginatively depicted in Hoysala temples. The Keshava temple in Nuggehalli and Lakshmi Narayana temple in Hosaholalu (13th century CE) have depictions where Siva is shown in the *ratha* with the Tripurasura brothers in entwined circles indicating individual cities. There is also another interesting example from the Mallikarjuna temple in Mandya district's Basaralu where Siva is shooting an arrow at three cities shown in architectural form. There is no depiction of the *ratha*, Brahma or horses. A rhythmically standing posture and triple-storied cities are artistically composed within the vertical space of the wall. An exact replica of the same figure may also be found on the wall of Sri Vidyashankara Temple in Sringeri.

The *maharangamantapa* ceiling of Hampi's Virupaksha Temple (early 16th century) has a Tripurantaka scene where Siva is in a ratha shooting an arrow at the brothers depicted in three entwined circles. The chariot, seven horses, the Sun and Moon as wheels, and Brahma as charioteer along with celestial figures are depicted in this narrative. In this painting, Gauri is absent; instead the artist has used a Naga figure. The theme follows the descriptions found in *Kumaravyasa Bharata (Karnataka Bharata Kathamanjari*, early 16th century CE). The Vijayanagara artists developed their own style that became a precedent for the Mysore and Thanjavur paintings.

The Tripurantaka theme was a favourite of Indian artists in premodern periods and they have depicted this episode—in sculptures, temple murals and later as individual paintings—with great realism and imagination.

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(L) Tripurari Siva from Pattadakal; (C) Mural from Thanjavur's Brihadishwara Temple; (R) Painting in Hampi's Virupaksha Temple

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R-Day politics

It has almost become routine for some states, especially those ruled by opposition parties, to cry foul if their Republic Day tableaux gets rejected. It is well known that a panel reviews the proposals each year. The proposals of several states get rejected as only a limited number can be accommodated. Maybe the panelists should make the criteria public to end this controversy.
Chaitanya Ram, Bengaluru

Lankan refugee crisis

This is with reference to *Light at the end of the tunnel for Lankan refugees* (Jan 17). Considering the pathetic conditions of Lankan illegal immigrants in TN, the article rightly stresses the urgent need for granting citizenship to them. According to the Constitution, one is not permitted to hold dual citizenship. So making an amendment in the CAA and conferring citizenship to all can solve the problem of Lankan refugees.
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Record liquor sale in TN

This is with reference to *Tasmac reaps bumper harvest on Pongal day, rakes in over ₹317 crore* (Jan 16). The record sale of liquor is a clear indication of the state of affairs in Tamil Nadu. The proliferation of government-run alcohol shops has the potential to completely destroy the state.
S Retnaswamy, Chennai

Mental health awareness

This is with reference to *How health needs education & knowledge* (Jan 16). It is necessary to include mental health too to the discussion. Awareness and availability of mental health treatment and access to it are very crucial in this era of double-edged technological development, especially during this pandemic time. Mental health problems often go unnoticed and are ignored by all sections of the population—educated or uneducated, rich or poor, urban or rural. They need immediate attention and careful examination along with meaningful intervention.
P Prema, Thanjavur

Disturbing news

In the last few weeks, some disturbing pieces of news have emerged from Kerala. These include the unearthing of a parallel telephone exchange that was used for anti-national activities and the alleged help by a VIP to film star Dileep in the actor abduction case. To make matters worse, we have a ruling dispensation that goes about its business as though nothing serious has happened.
CM Umanath, Kozhikode

Vote out opportunists

Since it is election time, many opportunists are jumping ship. Swami Prasad Maurya enjoyed power for five years in the Yogi Cabinet but never raised issues regarding the welfare of OBCs. He is reported to have wanted a ticket for his son. Such unprincipled leaders must be punished by voters.
Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Manoj Tiwari @ManojTiwariMP
After 7 yrs, 1 electric bus that too only for demo and promotion. Accepted vision of AAP! This happens when department less CM runs visionless govt.

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
Such Income Disparity is dangerous for a democratic country. This symbolizes Modi's India! Not the India Gandhi envisioned. Think my countrymen.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
We take 'Anna Sankalp' that we will remove BJP who has done atrocities and injustice on the farmers. Appeal to every farmer to take 'Anna Sankalp'.

Tax rich to fund schemes for poor: Oxfam

Asserts the billionaire club bloated in the pandemic and the wealth gap between rich and poor also widened

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA should tax the richest to fund health, education and social security programmes as the country's billionaire club bloated during the Covid-19 pandemic widening the rich-poor divide, says the latest report by Oxfam, a charity organisation whose foreign funding has been banned by the government.

Recommending a one per cent wealth tax on the super-rich, the Oxfam report titled 'Inequality Kills', released Sunday ahead of the World Economic Forum's Davos agenda, said the collective wealth of India's top 100 high net worth individuals hit a record high of $775 billion (₹57.3 lakh crore) in 2021. In the same period, the fortunes of 84 per cent of households plummeted due to loss of life and livelihood. The number of rich jumped from 102 to 142, while more than 4.6 crore Indians are estimated to have fallen into extreme poverty in 2020.

The report said India's health budget declined by 10 per cent in 2021, while education saw a jump of 10 per cent. The spending on health has increased only 0.09 per cent in the last 22 years, hovering between 1.2 to 1.6 per cent of the GDP. Education gets around three per cent of the GDP, increasing by only 0.07 per cent in the last 18 years, it notes.

A mere one per cent tax on the top 98 billionaires can bankroll Ayushman Bharat, the biggest national public health insurance fund, for more than seven years.

The report further pointed out that India's 2021 budget allocation for the Ministry of Women and Child Development was less than half of the total accumulated wealth of the bottom 10 of India's billionaire list.

With 93 per cent of the nation's workforce comprising of informal employment, there has been little success in bringing them under the ambit of formal jobs, which would give them benefits like paid leave, health insurance, paid maternity leave and pension.

"The stark wealth inequality in India is a result of an economic system rigged in favour of the super-rich over the poor and marginalised," says the report.

Amitabh Behar, Chief Executive Officer, Oxfam India, called for reintroduction of wealth tax in India. "Given the amount of inequality now, a wealth tax is completely sensible. And more redistribution is required," he said.

THE CHASM

A STARK CONTRAST

142 billionaires in India in 2021, up from 102: **39% rise**

₹57.3 lakh cr — **COLLECTIVE WEALTH OF INDIA'S 100 RICHEST PEOPLE IN 2021**

4.6 crore — **INDIANS FELL INTO EXTREME POVERTY IN 2020**

84% HOUSEHOLDS IN INDIA SUFFERED A DECLINE IN THEIR INCOME

The combined wealth of the first 100 billionaires can fund the National Rural Livelihood Mission for next 365 years

THE RICHEST 98 HAVE THE SAME WEALTH AS THE POOREST 55.5 CRORE PEOPLE IN THE BOTTOM 40 PER CENT: **₹49 LAKH CRORE**

The combined wealth of the 10 richest is enough to fund school and higher education of children in the country for 25 years

THE COMBINED WEALTH OF 98 RICHEST WAS 41% HIGHER THAN THE UNION BUDGET

The share of the bottom 50% of the population in national wealth is a mere 6%

THE WEALTHIEST 10% HAVE AMASSED 45% OF THE NATIONAL WEALTH

MAKE THE RICH PAY

- **1% wealth tax** on India's billionaire families can finance Ayushman Bharat for seven years
- **4% tax** on wealth of 98 billionaires can take care of the Mid-Day Meal programme for 17 years or Samagra Sikshya Abhiyan for 6 years
- **1% tax on wealth** of the 98 billionaires in India can take care of the total expenditure for the school education and literacy
- **2% tax** on those with an income of over **₹10 crore** could increase the Women and Child Development Ministry's budget by an astounding 121%
- **4% wealth tax** on 98 richest families would finance the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for more than 2 years
- **1% tax** on the richest **10%** can provide the country with nearly 17.7 lakh extra oxygen cylinders
- **4% tax on wealth** of top 98 billionaires would be enough to fund Mission POSHAN 2.0 — which includes Anganwadi Services, POSHAN Abhiyan, Scheme for Adolescent Girls, and National Creche Scheme — for 10 years

Source: Oxfam report

PM cites ease of doing biz, seeks funding

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, in a special address to the World Economic Forum's online Davos Agenda 2022 summit, sought global investment in the country saying India brings "a bouquet of hope" to the world. "This bouquet contains the unbreakable trust of the people in democracy. It also contains technology, talent and temperament of the Indians, which empower the world."

Underlining the country's battle with yet another Covid wave, Modi said India showcased its competence in being the global supplier of pharmacy. Listing out the government measures towards ensuring ease of doing business, he dwelt upon opening up of defence, space, banking and insurance sectors. He sought to assure the investors on the reform measures by giving details about abrogation of retrospective taxation, lowering of corporate taxes and reducing compliance burdens.

On young entrepreneurial talent, the PM said India today has over 60,000 startups from merely a few hundred a few years ago.

India is now drawing the roadmap for the next 25 years which will address issues such as growth, welfare, wellness, and saturation. Yet, he said, the country will remain committed to the goals of sustainable development and cleanness. He also sought collective response to the challenges posed in the global supply change.

Media personnel outside Kashmir Press Club after the government takeover | PTI

J&K govt takes over Kashmir Press Club, cancels land allotment

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday took over the Kashmir Press Club (KPC), which was closed by a faction allegedly backed by authorities since Sunday, and cancelled the land and building allotment of the club and handed it back to the Estates Department.

The move triggered anger among the journalist community as well as from a section of political parties.

In a statement, the government said it was decided that the allotment of the premises be cancelled and that control of land and buildings be reverted in view of the "unpleasant developments and dissensions between various groups of journalists".

"The factual position is that KPC as a registered body has ceased to exist and its managing body too has come to a legal closure on July 14 2021, the date on which its tenure came to an end. In its failure to register itself under the Societies of Registration Act, further compounded by its failure to hold elections to constitute a new managing body, some individuals of the erstwhile club have been committing illegalities on several counts, least of which are false portrayal of being owner-managers of an entity which is no longer in legal vogue," it said.

The takeover came three days after the group allegedly backed by the administration took control of the club on Saturday. The previous committee delayed elections for unknown reasons, senior journalist Saleem Pandit had said.

KPC's outgoing general secretary Ishfaq Tantray said it seems the ultimate goal was to shut down the club. "(But) journalism thrived in Kashmir and it will survive all crests and troughs in future."

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti tweeted that it seemed that the coup and its aftermath was entirely orchestrated to shut down another outlet that helped journalists to debate and discuss opinions freely.

'No forcible jab' chorus becomes louder in N-E states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

PEOPLE in parts of the North-east region have started speaking up against "forcible" vaccination for Covid.

While a signature campaign is on in Meghalaya, protests are being held in Assam, Nagaland.

The Conrad K Sangma government is stressing on vaccination though it has not yet made it mandatory.

Activist Agnes Kharshiing said no one could be forced in a democracy. "Force is illegal. It is terror and indirect AFSPA. If people want to take a jab, it's their right and if they do not want it, there should be no force."

In Assam, the unvaccinated and partially-vaccinated people have no access to hotels, restaurants, malls, offices etc. Also, the government has asked such employees to not attend office.

Reacting to the Centre's affidavit in the SC that jabs cannot be forced, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said vaccination had not been made mandatory. "But those who have not taken the vaccines have to stay at home," he asserted.

In Nagaland, the Rising People's Party slammed the government notification that made vaccination must for students of Class IX and above.

Feb 5 new deadline to give feedback on GM food: FSSAI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AFTER objection from several civil society groups, including RSS-affiliated Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM), the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has extended the deadline on draft regulations on GM food to February 5.

The previous deadline had ended on January 15.

There are several online petitions filed by civil society groups as well as one by SJM against the regulations.

Coalition for a GM-Free India, a consortium of several such groups, said the regulator has not committed to publish the draft regulations in vernacular languages, nor has it committed to holding widespread consultations, which were also the demands being put forward by citizens.

"This limited-time extension is insufficient and insignificant. While it might be useful to some extent, this does not address what citizens have been asking for," the coalition contended.

"We object to the fact that the regulator is ignoring what citizens are legitimately demanding. Citizens want to engage with these regulations being proposed by FSSAI, since there is a wide demand from people of India who want to keep their food GM-free."

The group pointed out to FSSAI that the draft regulations are being rejected for a variety of reasons, and that the proposed regulations should be revised drastically, to ensure that FSSAI would be able to fulfill its statutory mandate, and to keep out GM foods from our food chain.

More than 50,000 citizens have so far signed these multiple letters, with the demand of keeping India GM-free being at the centre of these efforts.

Incidentally, the maximum signatories are from Gujarat.

"We urge Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya to intervene in this matter, and not leave this issue of great importance to only the regulatory body FSSAI, which has already failed citizens several times on this front," the coalition said in its statement.

NHRC MISSIVE

'Amend laws that affect leprosy-hit'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has urged the Centre, states and Union Territories to remove "discriminatory" legal provisions against leprosy-affected persons in the laws of the country.

In a detailed advisory, the rights panel listed "discriminating legal provisions" and called for timely identification, treatment and for elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy.

NHRC chief justice (retd) Arun Kumar Mishra also suggested the Centre to consider enacting a law to provide for substitution of "derogatory terms" used to describe persons affected by leprosy. The advisory listed discriminating legal provisions against the leprosy affected persons in 97 laws of the country and called for their removal.

The advisory called upon authorities to ensure that no person or any of his family members is discriminated against and denied all or any of the right to healthcare, employment, education and land rights.

For the betterment of lives, the NHRC urged authorities to launch special programmes to provide vocational training, employment and unemployment benefits, health insurance among others.

Manipur minister slams Cong MLA for corruption charges

The minister urged his rival to do politics based on facts and figures | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

MANIPUR Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Thongam Biswajit rubbished Congress MLA K Meghachandra's allegation about misappropriation of ₹800 crore in the department during 2021-2022.

"There is no allocation of ₹800 crore for the financial year 2021-2022. The Congress MLA seems to lack the knowledge of Budget estimate which had been handed over to him during Assembly session," Biswajit told journalists.

The minister described the allegation as "unfounded" and clarified that he was updating the people and said he had to clarify it as the MLA might mislead people. He urged Meghachandra to do politics based on facts and figures and not by spreading lies.

Biswajit said the total budget estimate for 2021-22 is ₹ 754 crore under six different heads. But due to the pandemic, he asserted, the estimate was restricted by 40% for the minor works and 60% for the major works. "Because of this, the available budget with the PWD is ₹631.81 cr and the expenditure up-to-date is ₹363.39 cr."

"The BJP is working wholeheartedly for the welfare of the people and the state. The BJP doesn't believe in the working style of the Congress," he said.

EXPRESS READ

NIA declares bounty on SFJ member

New Delhi: The NIA has declared a cash reward of ₹10 lakh for information on Jaswinder Singh Multani, an alleged member of the banned terror organisation Sikhs For Justice. The anti-terror agency believes that Multani was instrumental in raising funds to supply arms, ammunition and explosives using the smuggling network in Punjab.

India to participate in travel expo

New Delhi: The tourism ministry will participate in the World Travel Market (WTM) to be held in Cape Town in April. The aim is to promote India as a composite round the year tourism destination for all age groups, said officials. The WTM is one of the leading travel and tourism expos, which helps to generate sales leads and raise brand awareness.

Steep rate for infra in sanctuaries

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

TO open up protected forest areas for development work by increasing the cost of diversion of forest land, the Centre said that the project proponents can pay ten times forest value in national parks and five times in sanctuaries for using it for infrastructure projects.

The environment ministry has come up with the upward revision of the Net Present Value (NPV) rates to be realized in lieu of diversion of forest land. The revision comes following a Supreme Court order in 2008.

Welfare projects like the construction of schools, hospitals, underground drinking water pipelines, and underground mining were exempted based on certain conditions.

As per the ministry directives, the revised rates shall be charged to the extent of ten times the normal NPV payable in the case of National Parks and five times in the case of Sanctuaries. "The use of non-forest land falling within the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries may be permitted on payment of an amount equal to the NPV payable for the adjoining forest area. In respect of non-forest land falling within marine national parks/ Wildlife sanctuaries, the amount shall be five times the NPV payable for the adjoining forest."

An environment expert expressed concerns about the order. "A mere upward revision of NPV rates is neither a deterrent against forest diversion, nor does it ensure that the bonafide forest rights lost in the process of permitting non-forest use have been duly compensated for," said Kanchi Kohli, of CPR-Namati Environment Justice Program.

75-plane flypast to mark 75 years of freedom

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Republic Day Parade this year will showcase 75 aircraft as part of the flypast over the Rajpath with President Ram Nath Kovind taking the salute from the marching contingents.

The culmination of the flypast will be with the "Amrit Formation" in which for the first time, 17 Jaguar fighters will fly in the shape of 75, to celebrate 75 years of independence.

"The grandest flypast ever will take place over Rajpath during the Republic Day parade with 75 aircraft including the planes from IAF, Army, and the Navy. This is in line with the 'Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav' celebrations," IAF Western Air Command PRO Wing Commander Indranil Nandi said.

Newly-inducted Rafale jets will showcase its manoeuvres in three formations, including Vinash, Baaz and Vijay. While five Rafales would takeoff from Ambala air base to flypast over the Rajpath in Invinash formation, the other two formations will include one Rafale.

The varuna formation will feature Indian Navy's aircraft carrier fighter jets MiG-29K and surveillance aircraft P-8I.

Of the total of 75 aircraft of the three forces, there will be 39 fighters, 28 helicopters and eight transport aircraft. Of the multiple formations flying on display two, the Tangail and Meghna formations, will be dedicated to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war which led to the birth of Bangladesh.

IN THE SC

Devas appeal set aside

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the winding up of Devas Multimedia saying, it was a case of fraud of a huge magnitude which cannot be brushed under the carpet. It dismissed the appeal filed by Devas Multimedia Pvt Ltd and said when two forums — NCLT and NCLAT — have recorded concurrent findings on facts, it is not open to the court to reappreciate evidence.

Maha plea on OBC quota

New Delhi: The Maharashtra government on Monday approached the Supreme Court seeking recall of the top court's order directing the state EC to renotify 27 percent seats reserved for OBC in the local body polls, as general category seats. Appearing for the state government, senior advocate Shekhar Naphade, urged the top court to hear the state's application for recall of the court's order of December 15 last year.

No change of rules for Parsis

New Delhi: The Centre has told the Supreme Court that it was not possible to introduce changes in the guidelines issued for the disposal of dead bodies of Covid positive persons to address the grievances of the Parsi community. In an affidavit, the health ministry said that keeping the dead exposed without burial or cremation will not be a permissible way of disposal of dead bodies of Covid positive patients.

'FRANCHISING' BARRED

UGC and AICTE have warned varsities and institutions against offering courses in distance and online modes in association with ed-tech companies, saying no "franchising" agreement is permissible as per norms

3 CRORE WORTH HEROIN SEIZED FROM 65-YR-OLD IN MUMBAI

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Bhopal	24	07	Panaji	30	21
Jaipur	20	10	Patna	20	06
Amritsar	15	08	Lucknow	19	11
Chennai	29	23	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	24	13	Imphal	22	06
Srinagar	06	00	Chandigarh	23	08

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2022 DECIDE

Sena bats for Parrikar's son in Goa polls

Mumbai: A day after AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal urged late CM Manohar Parrikar's son Utpal to join his party and contest on AAP ticket, Shiv Sena Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut on Monday urged non-BJP parties to jointly support Utpal's candidature in the upcoming Assembly polls in Goa. The overtures come at a time when Utpal Parrikar is at loggerheads with the state BJP leadership.

Manipur Christian body resents Sunday polling

Guwahati: The All Manipur Christian Organisation has expressed displeasure over the Election Commission scheduling the first phase of Manipur Assembly elections on a Sunday and urged the panel to reschedule it. The state will go to polls on February 27 (Sunday) and March 3. The organisation said the first phase polling date has hurt the religious sentiment of Christians in the Northeast state.

AAP to name Punjab CM face today

Chandigarh: AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal will announce the chief ministerial face of his party in the Punjab Assembly election on Tuesday. AAP's Punjab affairs co-in-charge Raghav Chadha said all doubts regarding the CM face of the party will be cleared on Tuesday. He claimed the party received "overwhelming" response from people after the party sought suggestions on CM face.

Poll panel defers Punjab Assembly election for 6 days

Decision after requests from major parties citing Sri Guru Ravidas Ji Jayanti on Feb 16

KUMAR VIKRAM & HARPREET BAJWA @ New Delhi/Chandigarh

FOLLOWING requests from key political parties in Punjab, including the Congress and the BJP, the Election Commission on Monday decided to postpone the February 14 Assembly polls in the state to February 20.

"The Election Commission has received several representations from the state government, political parties and other organisations drawing attention to the movement of a large number of devotees from Punjab to Varanasi for participation in the Sri Guru Ravidas Ji Jayanti celebrations, which is observed on February 16. They have also brought to the notice that a large number of devotees start moving for Varanasi around a week before the day of celebration and keeping the poll day on February 14 will deprive them of their right to vote. In view of this, they have requested to shift the poll date to a few days after February 16," the EC said.

As per the new schedule, the date of notification will be on January 25, while the last date of filing nomination will be February 2. The applications will be scrutinised on February 2, while the last date of withdrawal of applications is February 4. Counting would be held on the same day as before — March 10.

All major political parties in Punjab have welcomed the decision. CM Charanjit Singh Channi said he is thankful to the EC as the date of polling in the state has been changed at "his request". He said given the Guru Ravidas Jayanti celebration, he had written to postpone the elections.

AAP Punjab president Bhagwant Mann welcomed the decision saying that the date of voting has been postponed as it is necessary out of the respect for the sentiments of the people of Punjab and to protect their right to vote.

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, too, welcomed the decision. "We had requested the EC to postpone the polls."

BJP leader Anil Sarin also hailed the decision. "We had written to the EC in this regard and we thank the commission to understand the sentiments of the people," he added.

The EC has received representations drawing attention regarding movement of a large number of devotees for participation in the Sri Guru Ravidas Ji Jayanti celebrations on Feb 16 — Election Commission

	UTTAR PRADESH		MANIPUR		GOA		PUNJAB		UTTARAKHAND	
VIRUS METER JAN 16 / JAN 17										
Fresh cases	17,185	15,622	119	202	3,232	2,174	7,396	6,656	2,682	3,295
Deaths	10	9	2	1	7	6	13	20	0	0
Positivity rate	6.7%	7.2%	NA	NA	45%	31%	20.76%	20.89%	13.71%	8.42%

Union minister visits BKU chief in farm outreach

ANURAAG SINGH @ Lucknow

WITH the first phase of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls centered around the western districts of the politically crucial state, the Sisauli village of Muzaffarnagar district is once again in prominence.

With the Mahendra Singh Tikait-founded Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) headquartered here, the village has been the nucleus of farmers' politics in the Jat-dominated sugarcane belt of western UP for decades.

A day ago, BKU president Naresh Tikait reportedly had appealed to people to support the Samajwadi Party-Rashtriya Lok Dal candidates in the upcoming polls. A few hours later, on Monday, the powerful Tikait family had a surprise visitor.

Union minister Sanjeev Balyan (L) meets BKU president Naresh Tikait (C)

Triggering political speculations, the local BJP MP and Union minister Dr Sanjeev Balyan met the BKU president at the latter's residence around 8.30 am on Monday.

A source close to the Tikait family said, "Nothing should be read into from the meeting, he (Balyan) has been long known to the Tikait family."

On Sunday night, the BKU president said, "The BKU is an important part of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) and will go as per its line of not backing any political party."

When asked about his appeal to support the SP-RLD alliance candidates, Tikait had said, "As I told you anyone is free to come to us, they (RLD) candidates came first to us and got the blessings. BJP candidates aren't our enemies and are welcome like others to have tea with us. But we won't solicit votes for anyone."

Importantly, the two SP-RLD alliance candidates, two-times former Khatauli MLA Rajpal Singh Balyan (declared RLD candidate from Budhana seat) and Chandan Singh Chauhan (RLD candidate from Meerapur seat) had met the BKU president on Saturday.

Will persuade brother not to contest: Channi

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Monday said everyone had the right to contest elections in a democracy, but he would try and persuade his brother Dr Manohar Singh not to jump in the fray against Congress candidate and sitting MLA Gurpreet Singh GP from Bassi Pathana.

Explaining the reason behind his brother's decision, Channi said, "My brother was posted as senior medical officer at Bassi Pathana. ... MLA Gurpreet Singh GP got him transferred for reasons I am unaware of. He had been serving the people of the area for long. As local people demanded, he decided to fight the elections and applied for a party ticket but the high command did not oblige. So, he has decided to contest as an independent."

Asked if he would campaign for his brother, Channi said, "I will try to sort out the differences by arranging their meeting soon. But if that's not sorted out, then I am committed towards both my family as well as my party."

Akhilesh Yadav takes oath for farmers' welfare, in Lucknow on Monday | PTI

AKHILESH PROMISES MSP FOR EVERY CROP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

WITH wheat in his one fist and rice in the other, Samajwadi Party president and former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Akhilesh Yadav on Monday took an *Anna-Sankalp* (vow with food) to "defeat and unseat from power those who unleashed atrocities and injustice on farmers".

Akhilesh made the 'vow' while sharing stage in Lucknow with a group of farmer leaders led by Tejindar Virk, who was critically injured in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident last year. Virk then gave a fistful of wheat and rice to Akhilesh and other SP leaders, after which the SP leaders took the 'vow' to unseat BJP from power in UP.

After taking the *Anna-Sankalp*, Akhilesh made a slew of farmer-centric promises, which would form part of the SP manifesto. "MSP on all crops, payment to sugarcane farmers within 15 days for which a Farmers Revolving Fund would be created, free electricity for irrigation, interest-free loans, insurance and pension to farmers will form an integral part of our detailed manifesto. Our manifesto will be released after the BJP comes out with its manifesto," he said.

He also promised withdrawal of cases lodged against farmers by the BJP government and ₹25 lakh each for those deceased in Lakhimpur Kheri violence.

Rawat *vs* Rawat situation in U'khand Cong

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AFTER ousted Uttarakhand minister Harak Singh Rawat's announcement that he will join the Congress, former CM and senior Congress leader Harish Rawat, referring to the 2016 rebellion led by the former, on Monday said he must accept his "mistake".

This creates a roadblock for the minister who was dismissed by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Sunday late night following which the BJP suspended him for six years.

"If he (Harak) accepts his mistake, he is most welcome in the party. He committed crime against democracy. He must admit the crime against democracy which he committed. The party should not forget what happened in 2016," said Rawat.

However, the former CM also indicated softness in his stance. "In democracy if anyone accepts their mistake, their apology must be accepted."

Earlier in the day, Harak Singh Rawat said he will join the Congress. "Even if I do not contest elections, I will work for the Congress now," he said.

Seers to protest hate speech arrests by holding *sansads*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dehradun

AFTER Dharam Sansad organiser Yati Narsinghanand was remanded by a lower court in Haridwar on Sunday, seers have decided to organise another Dharam Sansad in Aligarh on January 22 and 23 and later in Parayagraj in UP.

The seers have also said they will protest against the arrests of Jitendra Narayan Tyagi and Yati Narsinghanand in the Haridwar hate speech case.

Swami Anand Swaroop, one of the organisers of Dharam Sansad in Haridwar last month, said, "All preparations for Dharam Sansad in Aligarh have been completed. Preparations are also on for the Prayagraj event. We are not going to stop until India is declared a Hindu nation."

Meanwhile, police registered cases against five seers protesting on Ganga ghat against the arrests of Jitendra Tyagi and Yati Narsinghanand.

The five are the members of the 'core committee' of the Dharam Sansad — Swami Anand Swaroop, Prabodhanand Giri, Sagar Sindhuraj, Amritanand and Shivanand.

Meanwhile, fresh charges have been slapped on Yati Narsinghanand for abusing a journalist and photographer after being offended by a question they had asked during an interview. The fresh charges were slapped on the Dasna temple head priest on the basis of a complaint filed by a journalist, Haridwar city SHO Rakinder Singh Kathait said.

EXPRESS READ

CBI nets Jammu official for demanding bribe

NEW DELHI: Acting on a complaint, the CBI arrested a Patwari in Jammu in connection with an alleged bribery case on Monday. CBI spokesperson RC Joshi told the media that Patwari-identified as Ashok Kumar, was arrested on the allegation of demanding ₹50,000 for issuing document establishing the ownership of property in Jammu. Kumar was posted in Patwar Halqa Jassore of Tehsil RS Puram Jammu district. A case was registered against him in which it was alleged that Kumar had demanded ₹50,000 but finally agreed to take ₹35,000.

Stay within limits, BJP tells alliance partner JD-U

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE rift between two major allies of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) — BJP and JD-U — in Bihar is widening day by day with BJP state chief **Dr Sanjay Jaiswal**, in an oblique reference to two top JD-U functionaries, asking them to stay within limits.

"Stop playing Twitter game anymore (with Prime Minister) or 76 lakh BJP workers in Bihar will reply," Jaiswal said in his latest post on his social media account on Monday. Jaiswal did not stop there and further said, "I am sure you will be careful in future."

The BJP's warning came as response to the repeated demand of the top JD-U functionaries, including national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh and party's parliamentary board chairman Upendra Kushwaha, to the President, PM and the Union government to withdraw the Padma Shri from noted playwright Daya Prakash Sinha for the latter's remarks against Emperor Ashoka.

Amid differences between the BJP and the JD-U, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan demanded imposition of President rule in Bihar in the wake of deteriorating law and order situation in the state. Talking to the media, Chirag blamed CM Nitish Kumar for the death of 13 people in Nalanda due to consumption of spurious liquor.

Govt orders demolition of houses in hooch-hit area

Patna: With death toll in the hooch tragedy in Bihar's Nalanda district mounting to 14 on Monday, top officials of the state government visited the affected villages to take stock the situation. The senior officials later directed the district authorities to demolish 16 dwellings constructed on unauthorised land at Chhoti Pahari and Pahartalli villages. Altogether 500 dwellings were identified as constructed on encroached land. In addition, notices were pasted on 64 houses asking the inhabitants to vacate.

BJP's Matua leaders plan movement for CAA in West Bengal

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE West Bengal BJP is facing rebellion within its ranks as leaders and elected representatives of Matuas, a Hindu religious sect comprising Scheduled Caste refugees from Bangladesh, are planning a movement across the state on the issue of implementing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) so that they get citizenship, a promise made by the saffron camp ahead of the Assembly election in the state.

The dissidents were joined by a section BJP's former office bearers, including former vice president Jay Prakash Majumdar and former general secretary Sayantan Basu, who were axed from the hierarchy in the recent rejig.

On Sunday a meeting of Matua Mahasanga was convened where Union minister Shantanu Thakur and other functionaries of the refugees' organisation were present and discussed the CAA issue with BJP MLAs Subrata Thakur, Ashok Kirtania and Mukutmani Adhikari. "Matuas are scared as the promise has not been kept. Representatives of All India Matua Mahasangha will soon meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah with a demand of implementing the CAA immediately," said Subrata.

The disgruntled elected representatives of Matuas, who are a deciding factor in at least 35 Assembly constituencies, had been holding meetings with other dissident BJP functionaries for past three days.

Locomotive maker clocks best-ever yearly output

The largest locomotive manufacturer in the world, based in the state, has scripted history by rolling out a record 467 locos in the January-December, 2021 period. For the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) this is the best ever production figure in one calendar year. The production figure is the result of CLW's continuous production streaks of 40 plus locos per month. CLW, in its 70 years produced 11,000 locomotives – including 2,351 steam locomotives, 842 diesel locomotives and 7,936 electric locomotives. About 90 per cent of all electric locomotive ever used by the railways came from their assembly lines.

PRANAB MONDAL
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KOLKATA DIARY

Schools giving chances to absentee children

Several schools in the state have been considering the absence of students in tests because of Covid and giving them a re-test option. In the past two years of online classes and online tests, the absence had reduced and almost all students would appear for tests from home even if they were sick but the third wave is making it difficult to log in or write a test, teachers of different schools said. "We are considering only cases where children are Covid positive and not in a condition to appear for a test," said teacher of a prominent school in Kolkata. Before the pandemic, in many schools, children would be discouraged from attending schools even if there was an exam if they had fallen ill. Students were then usually marked absent and a re-test was not given in many schools.

Rare double coconut tree at botanic garden dying

The double coconut tree (Lodoicea Maldivica) at the Indian Botanic Garden here, which underwent a cross-country pollination in 2013 appears to be dying. Though authorities are hopeful that the tree will survive, yellowing leaves and general appearance of the tree seem to suggest otherwise. Besides, the seed born out of cross-pollination has not germinated, which means that the rare species will soon be extinct in the country. Scientists here said the plant had a fungal attack following which it was treated with fungicide. An official said, "This took a heavy toll on its health."

Corporation's chatbot for service delivery

Residents of Kolkata awaiting a new Aadhaar card or making modification in an existing one can now book appointments through a WhatsApp chatbot run by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC). The civic body would also provide pending property tax information and a link to pay the due through the WhatsApp chatbot. Interested persons can contact on the number: 8335999111. The chatbot will initiate a conversation through which those seeking services can book appointments. Besides, several payment modes including credit and debit cards, and UPI payments will be allowed for a host of services, the KMC stated in a release on Saturday.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(As per Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Reliance Commercial Finance Limited. under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets1 and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued Demand Notices upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/Co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.

The Borrower/Co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Reliance Commercial Finance Limited

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower/ Co-borrower	Description of Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
Loan A/c No. RLLPCOI000152879. 1).BALASUBRAMANIAM V, 2).INDIRANI B, 3).PUSHPALATHA K, 4).RADHA S, 5).SUSHILA P A, 6).PAVITHRA B, 7).SIVASANKAR N, 8).ASIA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL, 1.NO.10, West Street, PN Road, Tirupur,Coimbatore – 641 602. 2.NO.736, PN Road, Tirupur, Coimbatore – 641 602. 3.D NO.25, Rayapuram Main Road, Tirupur, Coimbatore – 641 601. 4.NO.17/9, JG Nagar, 4th Street, Tirupur,Coimbatore – 641 602. 5. NO.16/17, Rangan athapuram, Rayapuram, Tirupur, Coimbatore – 641 601. 6.Old NO.78, New No.108, Samiers Road,Chennai - 600 028. 7.Flat NO.218, Corporation No. 21/76, 1st Floor,Garden Apartments, Rajanigandha Block, Corporation No. 21/10, Vittal Mallaya Road, Bangalore – 560 001.	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEING ENTIRE Situated in Flat No 218 (Corporation No 21 / 76 On the 1st Floor of Multistoried Building by name "Rainigandha" in the Apartment Complex known as " Garden Apartments" constructed in the land s described hereinbelow under the term of "The Land" consisting of 3 Bed Rooms , Hall , Kitchen 3 Toilets Etc., and Measuring a super built area of 1750 SQ. FT along with prorate common area and facilities constructed as pre sanctioned plan bearing L.P NO.ENE/3999/78-79 and Modified plan vide L.P No.1669/81-82 Issued by the Municipal Corporation of Bangalore City With Mosaic Flooring & Steel Windows . The flat is provided with water and electricity connection, Along with one open care parking space No.90 (NINETY). THE LAND, All that the piece and parcel of the land bearing corporation No.21, Vital Mallya Road, formerly Known as , Grant Road, Bangalore-560201 Bounded on the North by Vittal Mallya Road, and Measuring on that side about 189 6" On the south by prevnses No 23 and 24, Levalle Road and Measuring on that side89"+59'3"+1'8"+11'2"+2'9"+ 157'3",+26'3" On the East by premises No 20, Grant road , No25, Lavelle road and measuring on that side 180'2"+13'3"+186'4"+129'3" +19'6" And on the West by premises No 22/1, 22/2, 22/3, 22/4. Vital mallya road and measuring no that side 125'+276' And in all measuring on that side 125'+276 and in all measuring 85412 SQ.FT. I.E. 7938 SQ MTRS.All that piece and parce of 0.628% undivided Interest in the Land Property, (The Land Conveyed under the Deed REGD. NO.1832 DATED 14.07. 2003, Measures 536 SQFT, All Other Rights in Respect of the Land Property and the Building Constructed thereon in Term of Sanctioned plan Including common amenities provided in form clubhouse, Sports, Temple Etc, Are Available as per the deed REGD. As Doct No. 1832, DATED 14.07.2003.	22-04-2021	12-01-2022	Rs.86,95,960.97/- plus Interest, incidental expenses and cost.

The above-mentioned Borrowers(s)/ Co-borrower(s)/Guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days' from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sd/-
(Authorized Officer)

Date: 15.01.2022 Reliance Commercial Finance Limited

THE RAJAJINAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Rajajinagar Branch, No.741, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010.

POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **The Rajajinagar Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this the **12.01.2022**

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **The Rajajinagar Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mrs. Kanniammal Alias Kanniamma W/o Late C Ramu **2) Mr. Prasad R** S/o Late C Ramu both are residing at No.327/145, 5th Cross, I Main Road, Prakashnagar, Bangalore-560021. **Demand Notice Dated : 08.11.2021**

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.49,87,171/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy One Only) as on **20.09.2021** and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present Municipal No.145, PID No.098/WO111-70, I Main Road, 5th Cross, BDA No.327, Rajajinagar, III Stage, Prakashnagar, Bangalore-560021 and measuring East to West 41 feet and North to South 30 feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Site No.376, West: Road, North: Site No.328, South: Site No.326.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mrs. Lakshmi A W/o C Jayaram. **2) Mr. C Jayaram** H/o Lakshmi A both are residing at No.1184/21, 5th Main, 14th Cross, Prakashngar, Bangalore-560021. **Demand Notice Dated : 08.11.2021**

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.43,99,152/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two Only) as on **20.09.2021** and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present Municipal No.189/16, PID No.16-47-189/16, Kurubarahalli, 6th Cross, Laggere, (Survey No.189 Site No.16) House List Khata No.667, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and measuring East to West 30 feet North to South 40 feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Road, West: Property No.9, North: Property No.15, South: Property No.17.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Manivannan K S/o Kamalakannan P **2) Mr. Kamalakannan P** F/o Manivannan K both are residing at No. 255, BDA No.454, Municipal No.104/2, 3rd Main Road, Prakash Nagar, III Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560021. **Demand Notice Dated : 08.11.2021**

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.21,59,744/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four Only) as on **20.09.2021** and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present Municipal No.104/2, PID No.23-6-104/2, BDA No.454, III Main, Prakashnagar, III Stage, Rajajinagar, (Kethamaranahalli Survey No.72, Site No.70, Western Portion, BDA No.454, Municipal No.104, Southern Portion), Bangalore and measuring East to West 6.09 Mtrs, and North to South 5.18, Mtrs. and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Property No.454/A, West: Road, North: Northern Portion of Same property No.104 belongs to G Chandra, South: Property No.453.

4. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. M Manoharan S/o Late S Muniswamy **2) Mrs. Mahalakshmi P M** W/o M Manoharan both are residing at No.181, 5th Main, Prakashnagar, Bangalore-560021. **Demand Notice Dated : 08.11.2021**

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.31,43,436/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Six Only) as on **20.09.2021** and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present Municipal No.138, PID No.098/W0111-60, BDA No.334, 5th Main, Prakashnagar, Rajajinagar 3rd Stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40.6 Feet and North to South 30 feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Site No.369, West: Road, North: Site No.335, South: Site No.333.

5. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Srinivasa Rao S A S/o S B Ananda Thirtha Rao **2) Mrs. Vijayalakshmi N** W/o S A Srinivasa Rao both are residing at No.59/5, 17th Cross, 6th Main, Malleshwaram West, Bangalore-560003. **Demand Notice Dated : 08.11.2021**

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.43,14,051/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Fifty One Only) as on **20.09.2021** and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present Municipal No.5, PID No.8-36-5, 6th 'A' Main, Maruthi Extension, Srirampuram, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 15 feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Others Property, West: Road, North: Property of Chikkakempaiah, South: Site No.6 and House.

6. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Suresh C S/o Chikkaiah **Proprietor of M/s. S.P. Tool Tech**, No.21/10, 14th 'C' Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560079. **Also at:** R/a No.8/4, 14th Cross, Agraharahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560079. **2) Mrs. D Kusuma** W/o C Suresh R/a No.8/4, 14th Cross, Agraharahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560079. **Demand Notice Dated : 08.11.2021**

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.67,16,500/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Only) as on **20.09.2021** and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.10, PID No.21-74-10, (Old Municipal No.11, Survey No.07), 14th C Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Magadi Road, Bangalore and measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 36 feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East: 25 feet Road, West: Property No.6 (New No.9), North: Property No.12(belongs to Suresh & Puttaraju), South: 4feet wide passage including Mahanagara Palike Drain.

7. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mrs. Usha Rani W/o S Sampath **2) Mr. S Sampath** H/o Usha Rani both are residing at No. 90/1, 4th Cross, Saibabanagar, Sriramapuram, Bangalore-560021. **Demand Notice Dated : 08.11.2021**

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.67,99,899/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine Only) as on **20.09.2021** and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present Municipal No.15/1, PID No.25-68-15/1, Behind Minerva Mill, Gopalapuram, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023 and measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Property of Smt. Nalini, West: Private Property, North: Smt. Doddathayamm's Property, South: I Cross Road.

8. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mrs. V Vedha W/o C Shanmugam **2) Mr. C Shanmugam** H/o V Vedha **3) Mr. C S Vijaykumar** S/o V Vedha all are residing at No.1371/2, 5th Main, Prakashnagar, Bangalore-560021. **Demand Notice Dated : 08.11.2021**

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.28,78,805/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Five Only) as on **20.09.2021** and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present Municipal No.6/2, PID No. 098-W0064-70, Old ML No.1371/6/1, BDA No. 1371/2, 4th 'B' Main, Prakashnagar, Rajajinagar 3rd Stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West 5.79+6.40/2 Mtrs., North to South 8.53 Mtrs., and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Property No.1381, West: Property No.1371/1, North: Property No.1372, South: Road.

9. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Velumurugan S/o Ekambaram C **2) Mrs. Bharathy** W/o Velumurugan both are residing at No.79/A, II Main, II Phase, Manjunatha Nagar, Bangalore-560010. **Demand Notice Dated : 08.11.2021**

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.21,80,896/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six Only) as on **20.09.2021** and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present Municipal No.79/A, PID No.15-45-79/A, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, W.C. Road, Manjunath Nagar, Bangalore and measuring East to West 4.19+4.49/2 Mtrs. and North to South 10.21+11.12/2 Mtr. and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Eastern Portion of same No. Property belongs to Krishnamurthy, West: Property No.79, North: Road, South: Property No.90.

Date : 12.01.2022 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore The Rajajinagar Co-Op Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Smt. M.Sujatha,** Wife of Late Gopal, residing at No.120, 10th Cross, NGEF Layout, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072. Any Person/s or Institution/s having any Claim/s or Objection/s in respect of the Schedule Property may file the same along with supporting documentary evidence with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no claim/s or objection/s is / are received by the undersigned within 15 days as stated above, my client will proceed further as the property is free from all claim/s and objection/s.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being vacant **Site No.34**, Khatha No.44/1, situated at **Byandahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South:30 Feet, totally measuring 1500 Sq.Feet.** is bounded on:

East by : 30 Feet Road;
West by : Private Property;
North by : Site No.35;
South by : Site No.33;

H.UMASHANKAR, Advocate,
No: 8, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout,
Bengaluru-40.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned intends on entering into Joint Development Agreement with respect to the Schedule Property from Smt. Lakshmi N. Any persons having any claim over the Schedule Property or any objection for executing said Joint Development Agreement of the Schedule Property may lodge his/her/their claim and objection to the undersigned with documentary proof within 7 days from today, failing which, it will be deemed that there are no claim/s or the objection/s and/or claim/s if any, has/have been given up and the undersigned will proceed ahead with the transaction of developing the Schedule Property as being free from all claims, encumbrance etc.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old Khata No.902/757, New BBMP Khata No.609/757/757, PID No.902/757, situated Suggappa Layout, next to Yelahanka Police Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 80 + 88/2 feet North to South: 53 + 70/2 feet totally measuring 5166 Sq.ft and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property belonging to Smt S. Padma and, **South by:** Property belonging to Sri. Y. S. Raghu Kiran.

Sri. DR. DILIP KRISHNA
No.807, 13th A Main, A Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560 064.
Contact:9886449999, 080-29516666.

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank CUBBONPET BRANCH No. 2 Hazrat Hamid Shah Complex Cubbonpet main Road, Bangaore 560002

APPENDIX – IV {Rule – 8(1)}
POSSESSION-NOTICE(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 09/08/2021 calling upon the borrower, **M/s. Sri Arunachal Enterprises (Borrower)** represented by its proprietrix **Mrs. K Anjala,** Address: No.1, 2nd Main Road, Hanumanthappa Garden, Lakshminarayanpura, Bandireddy Palaya, Kathamaranahalli Dhakale, Bengaluru-560021, **Mrs. K Anjala, Proprietrix - M/s. Sri Arunachal Enterprises (Borrower cum Mortgagor)**, Address: No.1, 2nd Main Road,Hanumanthappa Garden, Lakshminarayanpura, Bandireddy Palaya, Kathamaranahalli Dhakale, Bengaluru-560021 , and **guarantor, Mr. K Arun Kumar (Guarantor),** Address: No.1, 2nd Main Road, Hanumanthapa Garden, akshminarayanpura, Bandireddypalaya, Kathamaranahalli Dhakale, Bengaluru-560021., **with our Cubbonpet branch** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.64,43,021.93** (Rupees Sixty four lakhs forty three thousand and twenty one only and Paise ninety three Only) as on 09.08.2021 and the said notice has been published in Indian Express and Kannada Prabha on 03.09.2021

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property describing herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **14th January 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs.64,43,021.93 (Rupees Sixty four lakhs forty three thousand and twenty one only and Paise ninety three Only) as on 09.08.2021 and interest thereon.**

We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder Mortgaged Assets SCHEDULE A: All that piece and parcel of the property being the northern portion of site No.1 formed out of Sy.no.52, of bandireddy Palya, Kethamaranahalli Dakale, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently within the limits of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, bearing Municipal no New 2, PID no. 24-41-2, 2nd Main Road, Lakshmi Narayana pura, Bengalore, measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to south 28 Ft bounded on: East by: Private property, West by: 2nd main Road, North by: Conservancy, South By: Southern Portion of Site no.1.

The above mentioned property forms a part of the property described hereunder All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No.1 formed out of Sy no.52, of bandireddy Palya, Kethamaranahalli Dakale,Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently within the limits of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, bearing Municipal no New 2, PID no.24-41-2, 2nd Main Road, Lakshmi Narayana pura, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to south 28 Ft bounded on: East by: Private property, West by: Road, North by: Conservancy, South By: Private property

Date: 14-01-2022 Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Place: Bangalore Indian Bank

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

BANASHANKARI BRANCH
No.334/22, 41th Cross, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bangalore - 560082, Ph : 080-22443179, 080-26651140, Email : vjbana@bankofbaroda.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Banashankari Branch,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **29.09.2021** calling upon the borrower: **1. Mr. Shaik Irfan Khan** S/o Yusuff Basha Khan, **2. Mr. Yusuff Basha Khan** S/o Basha Khan, **3. Mrs.Haseena Begum** W/o Yusuff Basha Khan, All are residing at No. 399, Ground Floor, East Road, Austin Twon, Bangalore Karnataka - 560047, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.12,41,921.08 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One and Eight Paise Only)** inclusive of interest upto **27.09.2021** and thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this**13thday of January of the year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for total amount of **Rs.12,41,921.08 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One and Eight Paise Only)** inclusive of interest upto **27.09.2021** and thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and and expenses till date of payment

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.208, Second Floor, Measuring 816 Sq.ft. at "SRIVEN RAG MERIDIAN" Sy. No. 134, Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore -560099, Boundaries : East by : Land in Re Sy. No. 111, West by : Remaining Portion of Land in Sy. No. 134, North by : land in Re. Sy. N.131, South by : Road.

Date : 13.01.2022 Sd/- Chief Manager / Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Bank of Baroda

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

PALGHAT DIVISION

Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Southern Railway/Palakkad invites E-TENDERS for the following works.

E-TENDER NOTICE No.PGT/OT/02/2022 dated 13.01.2022

Sl. No	Name of work	Approximate Cash value (in Lakhs) (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Completion Period in Months
1	Shoranur Nilambur Section-Widening of cutting and standardization of embankment for a total 16.500 km. between km. 28.000-44500.	514.57	4,07,300/-	Twelve
2	Podanur Shoranur - Through Turnout Renewal (TWS/CS+CMSC) on points and crossings 20 sets, (1 in 12-18 sets) (TWS+CMSC) 1 in 16-2 sets (CS+CMSC)	41.21	82,400/-	Twelve
3.	Palghat Outsourcing maintenance of water supply distribution system in Senior Section Engineer/Works/ Palghat section for a period of 24 Months.	25.93	51,900/-	Twenty Four
4	Podanur-Shoranur section-Rebuilding of Bridge Nos. MK 67, MK 75, MK 76 & MK 77 and provision of Gabion wall on breach locations.	440.80	3,70,400/-	Nine
5	Through Rail Renewal (Secondary) 2.662 km with 52 kg CI-II rails on road No. 1, 2 & 5 at Calicut station yard.	19.69	39,400/-	Three
6	Palakkad Division - Provision of lifts 2 Nos at Quilandi station	37.85	75,700/-	Six
7	Shoranur-Nilambur-(BG) TRR (P) 31.510 km with new 60 kg 90 UTS rails at various locations between km. 10.800-15.700 km. 16.220-19.100, km. 19.360-27.400, km. 27.480-29.950, km. 44.780-54.750, km.54.800-55.400 & km 55.450@45<46@ 100 along with TRR on Points & Crossings - TWS + CMSC for 1 in 12 - 4 sets (Point No. 51B, 64 B at Angandipuram & Point No. 50B & 65 B at Vaniambalam	172.15	236100/-	Twelve

Tender closing date 15.00 hrs on : **Sl. No. 1 to 6: 10.02.2022 & Sl.No. 7: 21.02.2022**

Eligibility criteria for single similar work previously executed		
	Item No. 1	Earthwork in banks & cuttings in Railway formation
	Item No. 4	Construction of Bridges/ROB/RUB/subway work/ any bridge work involving execution of casting / launching of RCC/PSC slab/Girder/Box with open/ Well/pile foundation (in case superstructure involves PSC work criteria also should specify PSC superstructure)
	Item No. 5&7	Any Track Work

Note: 1. All the contracts on Works/goods/services will be subject to the new GST Act as applicable from time to time. **2.** Contractors/Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from 01.7.2017 onwards. For complete details of the above tenders please visit website: **"http://www.ireps.gov.in."**

Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Palakkad
(For and on behalf of the President of India)

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PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd Mytree Centre No 4/10 , Hosur Road Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Date of Possession
1.	Shiva Kumar./ Sannarangamma S B J R Nagar Krs Agrahara Mallipalya Kunigal Rural Tumkur Tumkur - 572130/ LVBNG00040777516	KA52A9382/ TATA LPT 1412/ 497TC41GPY 824128/ MAT544061K7G14814	27.08.2021 Rs. 14,38,063/-	11/01/2022
2.	Mallesha T/ Gangamma T Guttepalya Nelamangala Taluk Byrasetti Halli Gollahalli Bangalore Bangalore-562123/ LVBNG00041150437	KA52A9966/ TATA ACE MEGA/ 08LTDICRAIL 08GRYSB5681/ MAT535051JYG19381	27.08.2021 Rs. 4,26,934/-	11/01/2022

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : January 18, 2022 Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore (Tumkur) ICICI Bank Limited

kotak Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Regd office: 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051
Corporate office: Kotak Infiniti, Bldg No 21, Infinity Park, General AK Vaidya Marg, Malad (E), Mumbai – 400 097 www.kotak.com

AUCTION - NOTICE

That the below mentioned Borrower/s had availed gold loan facility against security of the gold ornaments/ items, as specified below. The Borrower/s defaulted in due repayment of the instalments and outstanding dues and as a result of which the Bank was constrained to issue notices calling upon the Borrower/s to repay the outstanding amounts. However, the Borrower/s has failed to repay/clear his outstanding dues thereby compelling the Bank to auction the gold ornaments pledged in favour of the Bank.

The auction of the below mentioned gold ornaments would be held at :- Respective Branches
Date: 28.01.2022 Time: 11.00 AM

Apac	Account No	Borrower Name	State	Location	Branch	Gr. wt (Gms)
GLN2064857	GLN2064857	Umesh Kumar K V	Karnataka	BANGALORE	AVENUEROAD	33.75
GLN1967632	GLN1967632	Puttaraju C N	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	36.13
GLN1935869	GLN1935869	Kalavathi Y	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	29.99
GLN2060048	GLN2060048	Kalavathi Y	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	91.32
GLN1760342	GLN1760342	Alagappan K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	47.4
GLN1795494	GLN1795494	Alagappan K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	16.06
GLN1451815	GLN1451815	Waseem Shariff	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	140.09
GLN1652535	GLN1652535	Uzama Khanum M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	24.48
GLN1433734	GLN1433734	Kishore Babu Nagabhairu	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	366.9
GLN2059173	GLN2059173	Kishor Kumar Sahoo	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	12
GLN1805514	GLN1805514	Kailesh Seervi	Karnataka	BANGALORE	KAMNHALI	56.27
GLN1463862	GLN1463862	Vivek A	Karnataka	BANGALORE	KRROAD	121.23
GLN1404181	GLN1404181	Vivek A	Karnataka	BANGALORE	KRROAD	88.16
GLN1626284	GLN1626284	Richa Kothari	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	192.53
GLN1974300	GLN1974300	Ramaiah .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	25.16
GLN1990277	GLN1990277	R Manjunath Naidu	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	182.12
GLN1976190	GLN1976190	C Vishwanath	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	33.87
GLN1551973	GLN1551973	Manjunatha Kombaran N	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	70.48
GLN1647108	GLN1647108	Manjunatha Kombaran N	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	65.9
GLN1977601	GLN1977601	Enupothula	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	22.7
GLN2072506	GLN2072506	C Ramesh Kumar Reddy	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	71.6

Bidders are requested to Submit a copy of their Photo – identity, signature and address proof along with their original for verification together with two recent photographs on the day of auction. The Bank reserves the right to change the venue/date/time of auction or cancel the auction without any notice to bidders.

The cost of the auction process will be debited to the customer account. Bank reserves the right to recover the balance amount from the customer if the bid amount is insufficient to meet the payoff amount of the account.

For any further details regarding the terms and conditions of the auction, you are required to contact the below mentioned person/s.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.
Ph - 8197072323

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,

Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905,
Email : ho@hotmail.com, tgmcb.ho@gmail.com, Website : tgmcbank.com,

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd,** for an below mentioned amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

HSR Layout Branch, Bangalore.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower: M/s. Primes Sports : Represented By Prop. Govind D N, No.37/1, Shop No.4, Sapthagiri Complex, Ground Floor, A S Char Street, Chikpet, Bangalore-560053, **Personal Guarantee. 1) Mr. Narayan D H** S/o Late Mr. Hanumanthsa , No 20/1, Shankar Devargalli, 1 To 20, Chikkapete,Bangalore-560053, **2) Mr. Venkatesh D E** S/o Mr. Eswar D H, # 37/1, Arcot Srinivasachar Street, Opp EK Minar Masjid, Chickpet, Bangalore-560053.

Demand Notice : 25.08.2020 **Possession Notice: 13.01.2022**

Balance outstanding: Rs.29,14,043.00 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Fourteen Thousand and Forty Three Only) as on **05.08.2020** plus interest from **06.08.2020** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

Description of the property: (Details of Hypothecated Assets and Details of Mortgaged Properties of The Borrower): All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Katha No 37 , PID No 28-207-37, situated at Arcot Srinivasachar street, Ward No 28-Chickpet, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 12.6 feet totally measuring 630 sq feet and building thereon and bounded on East : Property sold to Smt. Nagarathna, West: Property fallen to the share of 3rd Sharer, North: Sri. S Dhondusa House, South: 7 feet Passage.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower: 1) Mrs.Ambika V W/o Mr. Babureddy B M, No-S-32, Kristal Tiara, Behind G Mart, Sarjapur Bellandur Connecting Main Rd, Ambalipura, Bangalore – 560103, **2) Mr. Babureddy B M** S/o Mr. Muninanjappa, No-S-32, Kristal Tiara, Behind G Mart, Sarjapur Bellandur Connecting Main Rd, Ambalipura, Bangalore – 560103, **Personal Guarantee: Mr. Raghavendra P** S/o Mr.Puttaswamy, #2, 6th Main, 6th Cross, Gnanajyothinagar, Mallathalli, Bangalore-560056.

Demand Notice : 28.08.2020 **Possession Notice: 13.01.2022**

Balance outstanding: Rs. 1,03,96,325.00 (Rupees One Crore Three Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Five Only) as on **05.08.2020** plus interest from **06.08.2020** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

Description of the property: (Details of Hypothecated Assets and Details of Mortgaged Properties of The Borrower): All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing No S-32, bearing Bellandur Gramapanchayat Katha No 667/13/32, Situated at Ambalipura Village, Bellandur, Varthur Hobli, Bellandur East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, now it comes under BBMP limits bearing BBMP Katha No 582/610/667/13/32, Ward No 150-Bellandur, measuring East to West 59 feet and North to South 36 feet totally measuring 2124 sq feet and building thereon and bounded on: East : Road, West: Private Property, North: Site No S-33/ House constructed on site No S-33, South: Site No S-31/House Constructed on site No S-31.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower: 1) Mrs. Haritha M W/o. Mr.Kumar Naidu M, #48/105, 8th Cross, 6th Main Road, Rangadasappa Nagar, B G Road, Bangalore-560030, **2) Mr. Kumar Naidu M** S/o Mr. Doraiswamy Naidu, #48/105, 8th Cross, 6th Main Road, Rangadasappa Nagar, B G Road, Bangalore-560030 **Personal Guarantee**: **Mr. Uday Kumar.R** S/o Mr. Gopala Naidu.R, #18, Roopena Agrahara, Madiwala Post, Bangalore-560068.

Demand Notice : 28.08.2020 **Possession Notice: 13.01.2022**

Balance outstanding: Rs. 91,98,975.00 (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Five Only) as on **05.08.2020** plus interest from **06.08.2020** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

Description of the property: (Details of Hypothecated Assets and Details of Mortgaged Properties of The Borrower): All that piece and parcel of the Industrial cum Residential property bearing Site No 10,Bommanahalli, CMC Katha No 408/384/1-10, situated at Garvebhavi Palya Village, Hongasandra Dhakale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now it comes under BBMP Jurisdiction bearing Katha No 430/417/408/1/10 Ward No.190-Bandepalya Muneshwara Nagar, Bangalore measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 76+74/2 feet totally measuring 4500 sq feet and building thereon and bounded on East :Property No 9, West : Property No 11, North : Private Property and South: Road.

4. Name and Address of the Borrower: 1) Mr.Narayan D H S/o Late Mr.Hanumanthsa, No 20/1, Shankar Devargalli 1 To 20, Chikkapete, Bangalore-560053, **2) Mr. Govind D N** S/o Mr. Narayan D H, No 20/1, Shankar Devargalli 1 To 20, Chikkapete,Bangalore-560053 **Personal Guarantee: Mr. Venkatesh D E** S/o Mr. Eswar D H, # 37/1, Arcot Srinivasachar Street, Opp EK Minar Masjid, Chickpet,Bangalore-560053.

Demand Notice : 25.08.2020 **Possession Notice: 13.01.2022**

Balance outstanding: **Rs.56,05,035.00** (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Five Thousand and Thirty Five Only) as on **05.08.2020** plus interest from **06.08.2020** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

Description of the property: (Details of Hypothecated Assets and Details of Mortgaged Properties of The Borrower): All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Katha No 37 , PID No 28-207-37, situated at Arcot Srinivasachar street, Ward No 28-Chickpet, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 12.6 feet totally measuring 630 sq feet and building thereon and bounded on East : Property sold to Smt.Nagarathna, West: Property fallen to the share of 3rd Sharer, North: Sri. S Dhondusa House, South: 7 feet Passage.

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GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	3	-8	SNY	Los Angeles	18	11	LC
Colombo	33	24	LC	Melbourne	21	15	LC
Dhaka	26	14	LC	Moscow	0	-11	LC
Dubai	27	21	SNY	New York	1	-4	LC
Houston	24	16	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	6	2	LR	Toronto	-6	-7	LC
London	8	4	LC	Washington	4	-3	SNY

UAE vows reprisals against 'heinous attack'

First deadly assault on UAE soil by Iran-backed Houthi rebels; Saudi Arabia, Qatar and OIC condemn terrorist attack

ABU DHABI

THE UAE vowed reprisals after a suspected drone attack on Monday it blamed on Yemen's Houthi rebels triggered a fuel tank blast that killed three people in Abu Dhabi.

The United Arab Emirates is part of a Saudi-led military coalition that supports Yemen's government against the Iran-backed Houthi rebels, who have repeatedly targeted Saudi Arabia with cross border strikes.

But this is the first deadly assault on its own soil that the UAE has blamed on the rebels, and while there has so far been no direct claim of responsibility by the Houthis, they announced on Monday a "military operation" in the UAE.

"We condemn the Huthi terrorist militia's targeting of civilian areas and facilities on UAE soil today... this sinful targeting will not go unpunished," UAE Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan said in a statement, as his ministry described the attack as a "heinous criminal escalation".

A satellite image shows the Abu Dhabi International Airport | AP FILE

The incident follows a surge in fighting in Yemen including advances by UAE-trained troops. The rebels also seized a UAE-flagged ship and its international crew earlier this month. Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation all condemned the "terrorist" attack. Eight Huthi drones targeting Saudi Arabia were also intercepted, the coalition said.

The rebels have previously threatened to target Abu Dhabi and Dubai, the gleaming crown jewels of the UAE which last year opened its first nuclear power plant.

Houthi military spokesman Yahya Saree tweeted that the rebels' armed forces would "announce special military operation(s) in depth of UAE in the coming hours".

Abdul Ilah Hajar, adviser to the president of the Houthis' Supreme Political Council in Sanaa, said it was a warning shot from the rebels.

"We sent them a clear warning message by hitting places that are not of great strategic importance," he said.

"But it is a warning if the UAE continues its hostility to Yemen, it will not be able in the future to withstand the coming strikes."

Saudi Arabia's foreign ministry condemned "in the strongest terms the cowardly terrorist attack".

The incident comes two weeks after the rebels hijacked the UAE-flagged Rwabee, and released footage purporting to show military equipment on board.

The UAE said the Rwabee, whose 11 crew are now hostages, was a "civilian cargo vessel" and called the hijacking a "dangerous escalation" in the busy Red Sea shipping route.

Yemen's conflict has been a catastrophe for millions of its citizens who have fled their homes, with many on the brink of famine, in what the UN calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

The UAE joined the coalition against the Huthis before announcing a change of tack in 2019. The pro-government Giants Brigade troops, backed by the Saudis and UAE, recently delivered a significant blow to the rebels by recapturing three districts in Shabwa governorate. *AFP*

FIGHT FOR HOME

Palestinian men stand on the roof of a house as Israeli police prepare to evict a family from Sheikh Jarrah in east Jerusalem on Monday. Palestinian residents held a tense standoff as police came to evict them. Several residents climbed on the roof with gas tanks and threatened to set them on fire | AP/PTI

2 teens held in UK over Texas synagogue siege

LONDON

POLICE in the UK said on Monday that they are questioning two teenagers as part of an ongoing investigation into the siege at a synagogue in the US state of Texas, which ended in the death of British hostage-taker Malik Faisal Akram.

Greater Manchester Police confirmed that the suspect shot dead by the FBI during the standoff at the Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville was 44-year-old Akram, originally from the Blackburn area of Lancashire in northwest England.

He was demanding the release of Pakistani neuroscientist Afia Siddiqui, suspected of ties with Al Qaeda and currently serving an 86-year sentence after being convicted of trying to kill United States military officers while in custody in Afghanistan.

"We can confirm that the suspect, who is deceased, is 44-year-old Malik Faisal Akram, originally from the Blackburn area of Lancashire," said Assistant Chief Constable Dominic Scally for England's Counter Terror Policing North West.

"I can also confirm that Counter Terror Policing North West is assisting with the investigation being led by the US authorities. Police forces in the region will continue to liaise with their local communities, including the Jewish community, and will put in place any necessary measures to provide reassurance to them," he said.

The teenagers detained in south Manchester on Sunday evening in connection with the investigation cannot be named for legal reasons, but the force said they 'remain in custody for questioning'. Scotland Yard also confirmed counter-terror officers were liaising with US authorities and the FBI.

According to reports from the US, Akram arrived in the country via New York's JFK International Airport two weeks ago.

Akram's brother Gulbar confirmed his death in a statement carried on social media and also apologised to the victims, saying his brother had been suffering from mental health issues.

In a statement, the brother said family members in Britain spent hours "liaising with Faisal" during the Synagogue siege over the weekend, and that although he was "suffering from mental health issues." *PTI*

China's birth rate falls for 5th consecutive year

1.4126 billion
Population by the end of 2021

Demographic crisis may hit economy

- As per the the National Bureau of Statistics, population grew by 4,80,000 from 1.4120 billion in 2020
- The birth rate fell for the fifth consecutive year, stoking fears of a looming demographic crisis and a consequent economic slowdown in the world's most populous nation
- The number of new births in 2021 stood at 10.62 million, down from 12 million in 2020, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported
- Earlier this month, Henan province, the country's third-most-populous administrative region, reported that its number of newborn children fell to 920,000 in 2020 as the birth rate dropped to 9.24 births per 1,000 people
- Experts have warned that a demographic turning point may threaten China's booming economic growth. In such a situation, the ratio of people in the workforce and dependent persons may be adversely affected, straining the economy
- Chinese provinces have started announcing a slew of supportive measures to motivate couples to have three children to prevent a steep decline in birth rates
- Beijing, Sichuan and Jiangxi provinces have rolled out supportive measures such as increased parental leave, maternity leave, marriage leave and paternity leave
- China permitted all couples to have two children in 2016, scrapping the draconian one-child policy which policymakers blame for the current demographic crisis
- Last year, China passed a revised Population and Family Planning Law allowing couples to have 3 children in an apparent attempt to address the reluctance of couples to have more kids due to mounting costs
- The decision to permit the third child came after the once-in-a-decade census in 2020 showed that China's population grew at its slowest pace to 1.412 billion

TEXT: PTI & PIC: AFP

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

NSA to take up border issues with Taliban

Islamabad: Pakistan's National Security Advisor Moeed Yusuf will lead an inter-ministerial delegation to Afghanistan on Tuesday to discuss the issue of border-fencing and take stock of the humanitarian needs of the war-torn country with the Taliban regime. During his visit from January 18 to 19, Yusuf will discuss ways to channel humanitarian aid to Afghanistan in line with the requirements of the UN other and international sanctions. Concerns over Afghanistan's humanitarian crisis have been discussed in the UN. On January 13, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned that millions of Afghans were on the 'verge of death,' urging the international community to fund the $5 billion humanitarian appeal, release the country's frozen assets. *PTI*

CHINA

China reopens rail freight traffic with North Korea

Beijing: China has restored railway freight traffic with North Korea that had been suspended over pandemic concerns, its foreign ministry said on Monday. Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said the connection across the Yalu River between China's Dandong and Sinuiju in North Korea had been restored after 'friendly consultation between the two sides'. Zhao said normal trade would be maintained while pandemic controls stay in place, but gave no other details. *AP*

PHILIPPINES

Dictator's son defeats bid to stop his prez run

Manila: The son of former Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos defeated on Monday a bid to disqualify him from the May 9 presidential race but still faces other petitions from human rights victims and others who have raised alarm over atrocities under his late father's rule. The Commission on Elections rejected a petition arguing that Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr. should be barred from public office for having been convicted of failing to file income tax returns from 1982 to 1985 and stating in his candidacy papers that he had never been found guilty of a crime. The ruling is appealable. "Respondent did not deliberately attempt to mislead, misinform or deceive the electorate," the ruling said. Marcos Jr. has led in popularity polls ahead of the election. *AP*

At least 12 killed in Afghan earthquake

HERAT

AT LEAST 12 people were killed after an earthquake hit western Afghanistan on Monday, an official said.

The victims died when roofs of their residential houses collapsed in Qadis district in the western province of Badghis, district governor Mohammad Saleh Purdel told AFP.

The shallow quake was magnitude 5.3, according to the US Geological Survey.

"Several people were also injured in today's earthquake," Purdel said, adding that the victims included women and children.

Afghanistan is already in the grip of a humanitarian disaster, worsened by the Taliban takeover of the country in August when Western countries froze international aid and access to assets held abroad.

Qadis is one of the areas worst affected by a devastating drought, benefiting little from international aid in the past 20 years.

The country is frequently hit by earthquakes, especially in the Hindu Kush mountain range, which lies near the junction of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates.

Earthquakes can cause significant damage to poorly built homes and buildings in impoverished Afghanistan.

In 2015, nearly 280 people were killed when a powerful 7.5-magnitude earthquake centred in the mountain range ripped across South Asia, with the bulk of the deaths in Pakistan.

In that disaster, 12 young Afghan girls were crushed to death in a stampede as they tried to flee their shaking school building.

However as the earthquake originated more than 200km es) below the earth's surface, the damage then was less than that of a similarly powerful but shallow tremor. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

N Korea fires 2 missiles in 4th launch this year

Seoul: North Korea on Monday fired two suspected ballistic missiles into the sea in its fourth weapons launch this month, South Korea's military said, with the apparent goal of demonstrating its military might amid paused diplomacy with the United States and pandemic border closures. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the North likely fired two short-range ballistic missiles from an area in Suna, but did not immediately say how far they flew.

Iran arrests niece of Khamenei: Activists

Paris: Iran has arrested a niece of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, months after she took part in a celebration praising the widow of the ousted shah, her brother and activists said. Farideh Moradkhani, who has gained prominence as an anti-death penalty activist, was detained by security forces on Thursday, her brother Mahmoud Moradkhani told London-based Iran International TV on Sunday.

7 on trial in Swiss over protest against quarry

Geneva: Seven activists have gone on trial in Switzerland on Monday over charges including alleged trespassing and resisting arrest, over their roles in a campsite protest against the expansion of a limestone quarry in rolling Swiss countryside. The defendants, who are being tried separately in rapid-succession hearings this week, are the first among some 40 people who are facing court action over the show of civil disobedience at Mormont hill, the site of a quarry owned by Swiss-French construction materials company Lafarge Holcim.

7 protesters killed in Sudan anti-coup rallies

KHARTOUM

SUDANESE forces killed seven anti-coup protesters Monday in one of the deadliest days of recent rallies against a military takeover, medics said, as security chiefs vowed to hold to account those they accused of causing "chaos".

The latest violence comes ahead of a visit by US diplomats, as Washington seeks to broker an end to the months-long crisis in the northeast African nation.

The deaths on Monday brings to 71 the number of protesters killed since the army's October 25 takeover led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan.

The military power grab triggered international condemnation, and derailed a fragile transition to civilian rule following the April 2019 ouster of longtime autocratic president Omar al-Bashir.

On Monday, three protesters "were killed by live bullets" by "militias of the putschist military council", anti-coup medics said on the Facebook page of Khartoum state's health ministry. *AFP*

Winter storm whips northeast US

NEW YORK

A DANGEROUS winter storm brought significant snowfall, strong thunderstorms and blustery winds to the northeastern US on a holiday Monday.

A foot (30cm) or more of snow fell in parts of New York state, Ohio and Pennsylvania Sunday night through Monday morning, and tens of thousands of customers in the region were without power.

Forecasters in Buffalo, New York, said the snow was falling fast, dumping almost 17 inches (43 centimeters) by 10 a.m. The city advised people not to travel if they didn't need to on this Martin Luther King Jr. Day, while some surrounding towns instituted a travel ban.

"WOW! (Latest) snow measurement at 1 AM was 4.6 inches in the last hour at the Buffalo Airport!" the National Weather Service in Buffalo tweeted overnight. "And tack on another 4 inches in the last hour ending at 2 AM! Total so far since late Sun evening - 10.2 inches."

People go for a walk as snow falls on Sunday in Nolensville, Tennessee | AP/PTI

The weather service said 43cm or more of snow were reported in Ashtabula County in northeast Ohio. "We've had a very strong area of low pressure that's kind of moved up the coast, with pretty heavy snowfall accumulations from Tennessee, North Carolina all the way into the northeast," said a meteorologist. *AP*

Volcanic blast cuts Tonga off, fears grow for coastal towns

SYDNEY

THE Pacific Island nation of Tonga was virtually cut off from the rest of the world Monday, after a massive volcanic blast that crippled communications and stalled emergency relief efforts.

It is two days since the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano exploded, cloaking Tonga in a film of ash, triggering a Pacific-wide tsunami and releasing shock waves that wrapped around the entire Earth.

But with phone lines still down and an undersea internet cable cut -- and not expected to be repaired for weeks -- the true toll of the dual eruption-tsunami disaster is not yet known.

Only fragments of information have filtered out via a handful of satellite phones on the islands, home to just over 100,000 people.

Tonga's worried neighbours are still scrambling to grasp the scale of the damage.

Both Wellington and Canberra scrambled reconnaissance planes Monday in an attempt to get a sense of the damage from the air.

And both have put C-130 military transport aircraft on standby to drop emergency supplies or to land if runways are deemed operational and ash clouds allow. *AFP*

China prez Xi rejects 'Cold-War mentality', pushes for cooperation

GENEVA

CHINESE President Xi Jinping called Monday for greater world cooperation against COVID-19 and said China would send an additional 1 billion doses of vaccine to other countries, while urging other powers to discard a "Cold-War mentality" at a time of rising geopolitical tensions — a veiled swipe at the United States.

The Chinese leader touted his country's efforts to share vaccines, fight climate change and promote development at home and abroad as he delivered the opening speech of a virtual gathering hosted by the World Economic Forum. The online event is being held in place of its annual January meeting in Davos, Switzerland, because of health concerns linked to the coronavirus pandemic.

Xi, who hasn't left China since the coronavirus emerged in early 2020, said in his speech that China has exported over 2 billion doses of its COVID-19 vaccines to over 120 countries and international institutions. He announced plans to provide an additional 1 billion — including a donation of 600 million doses to Africa and an extra 150 million to Southeast Asia. *AP*

Market Watch

MARKET			FOREX	
85.88	Sensex	61,308.91	Dollar	74.29
52.35	Nifty	18,308.10	Euro	84.68

Auto dealers' body seeks GST cut on two-wheelers

Urges FM to reduce GST to 18% in coming budget to push demand

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@ New Delhi

AMIDST falling sales, automobile dealers' body FADA has urged the government to reduce GST rates on two-wheelers from 28% to 18% in the coming budget to generate demand in the segment. Fada said that two-wheelers are not a luxury item and hence GST rates need to come down.

"To bring the industry and auto retail trade back on growth path, FADA requests the ministry (Finance) to regulate and reduce GST rates on two-wheelers to 18% and continue to move our nation to global leadership. It is noteworthy that the 2W is used not as a luxury but as a necessity to travel distances by lower class and rural segment for their daily working needs. Hence the rationale of 28% GST + 2% cess which is for luxury/sin products does not hold good for the two-wheeler category," said Fada in a statement on Monday.

It added that at a time, when vehicle prices are increasing after a gap of every 3-4 months due to continuous price hike in metals and various other factors, a reduction in GST rate will counter the price hike and help spur demand.

According to data issued by industry lobbying body Siam last week, two-wheeler sales fell 25% to 35,98,299 units in the October-December quarter compared to 47,82,110 units in the same period a year earlier. This was the sector's worst quarter in nine years.

A senior executive at a two-wheeler company resonated with Fada's demand and said it is high time that the government should do something to lift the two-wheeler segment. "Falling rural purchasing power and back to back lockdowns has hit the segment like never before. There is a need to make two-wheelers more affordable now," the executive said requesting not to be named.

Fada has also appealed to bring down GST rates for used cars to 5%. At present, rate of GST on used cars is 12% and 18%. 12% for vehicles which are sub 4000-mm length and 18% for vehicles above 4,000 mm.

"With the reduction in GST, it will help the industry to shift from unorganised segment to organised segment thus bringing in more business under the ambit of GST helping in putting brake on tax leakages," FADA noted.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to present the Union Budget 2022-23 in the Parliament on February 1.

More states invite Musk to set up biz

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS many as four states have invited Tesla to set up its manufacturing unit even as its entry in the Indian market has been delayed by years. These invitations poured in after Tesla CEO Elon Musk said that the automaker has been trying to work through 'some challenges' with the Indian government.

Soon after Telangana minister KT Rama Rao expressed his state's willingness to partner with Tesla on Friday, West Bengal minister Md Ghulam Rabbani, NCP minister Jayant Patil and Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu took on twitter to invite the American electric carmaker in their respective states during the weekend.

While Patil tweeted, "We will provide you all the necessary help from Maharashtra for you to get established in India. We invite you to establish your manufacturing plant in Maharashtra," Sidhu said, "I invite Elon Musk, Punjab Model will create Ludhiana as hub for Electric Vehicles & Battery industry with time bound single window clearance for investment that brings new technology to Punjab, create green jobs, walking path of environment preservation & sustainable development."

It has been around two years since Tesla had said that it would be setting a manufacturing unit in India. It also made some top level hiring and set up a subsidiary in Bengaluru. It received approval in India for four models in August 2021 and another three models in Dec 2021. However, the vehicles are yet to hit Indian roads as the company's demand for a lower import duty for its EVs remains a contentious point.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹1,933.10

Target Price ₹2,260

GR INFRA

GRIL has already forayed into the adjacent civil verticals of Railways and Metros and is now looking to bid for Power T&D projects. It would be one of the key beneficiaries of the opportunities arising in key infra sectors over the next few years. Its focus on margins and cash flow generation would augur well from a long-term perspective. We estimate the EPC business to post a 16% CAGR in earnings over FY21-24.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Over 50 start-ups to enter unicorn club this year, tally to cross 100: PwC report

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@ Bengaluru

THIS year, more than 50 start-ups have the potential to turn into unicorns, and are likely to take the tally of Indian unicorns beyond 100. A majority of these 50 start-ups will be from fintech, SaaS (software as a service) and logisticstech space, says a report from PwC.

As many as 11 start-ups in fintech, including Lendingkart, Cleartax, Rupeek, Aye Finance and Mswipe; six start-ups from SaaS, including Yellow.ai and MoEngage; and eight start-ups from Logisticstech- Shiprocket, Zoomcar, Bounce and Dunzo- have the potential to turn into unicorns, as these companies have raised over $100 million till date.

The report adds that five start-ups in healthtech- Practo, Dialhealth, Healthify, MFine and Twin Health-- and five start-ups in e-commerce(B2B) - Ninjacart, Bizongo, DeHaat, Jumbotail and Agrostar - have the potential to join the coveted unicorn club.

Zepto, a 10-minute grocery delivery app, and social commerce start-up DealShare are also likely to turn unicorns soon.

Last week, during the inaugural session of the Startup India Innovation Week, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal had said that the country's start-up ecosystem should look to create another 75 unicorns this year.

In 2021, more than 40 start-ups attained unicorn status and had raised aggregated funding of $250-300 million on an average at the time of gaining unicorn status. The unicorn funding round is usually for $100-150 million.

"Applying the same benchmark, companies that have raised more than $100 million till date stand a fair chance of becoming a unicorn in the next funding round - this count works out to 52 as at December 2021," said the PwC report.

Globally, 2021 saw 510 new unicorns and SaaS (including Artificial Intelligence) is emerging as one of the strongest sectors, as 178 unicorns in 2021 operated in the SaaS space, followed by fintech with 136 unicorns.

Amit Nawka, Partner - Deals & Startups Leader, PwC India, said, "...the base of the companies in the growth stage and late-stage deals have improved significantly in CY21... unicorn tally to go well beyond 100 by the end of 2022."

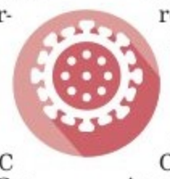
Retailers suffer biz loss as consumers stay home

SAMIKSHA GOEL @ New Delhi

AS Indians are forced to stay at home amid a surge in Omicron cases, retailers across the country are struggling with massive losses.

The increase in Covid cases and subsequent restrictions have had a direct impact on business activities across India, which resulted in a business loss of 50% in the last 15 days, the Confederation of all Indian Traders (CAIT) said on Monday.

Stating that the total retail trade in the country is about ₹150 lakh crore, the industry body said "The out-of-town buyer is not going out of his city, whereas the consumers are also going to the market to buy goods only when it is really important."



The estimated downfall, according to CAIT National President BC Bhartia and Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal, is roughly 35% in FMCG, 50% in electronics, 50% in mobiles, 35% in daily consumption items, 60% in footwear, 65% in toys, 70% in gift items, 30% in apparel, 40% in textiles, 30% in cosmetics, among others.

Ratings agency Crisil in a research note last week also said malls could see their rental revenues drop by 10% this fiscal.

Similarly, Retailers Association of India CEO Kumar Rajagopalan, in a report by RAI, said retail business was growing steadily during most of December. However, the pace was dropping off towards the last week due to the fresh curbs.

Although the overall figures seemed positive with 26% y-o-y growth in Dec 2021, the impact could be seen at category level with the beauty, wellness & personal care (-7%), furniture and furnishings (-5%) slipping into the red once again as compared to the sales the year before, Rajagopalan had added.

On the bright side, however, Shopping Centres Association of India (SCAI) said mall owners will stand by their tenants as they did in the last two waves and offer rental relief.

FII INVESTMENTS IN INDIAN SHARES

FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22*
25,635	88	6,153	2,74,032	30,709

* up to Jan 14 | Source: NSDL

FIIs sold equities worth ₹30,709 cr in FY22 so far

RAM SAHGAL @ Mumbai

AFTER investing a record ₹2.74 lakh crore in Indian stocks in FY21, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) have sold ₹30,709 crore worth of shares in the current fiscal year (FY22) so far, creating an impression of bearishness.

But a look at their derivatives positions, especially on indices like the Nifty and Bank Nifty, and single stock futures suggests otherwise.

They were cumulatively net long index futures by 55,391 contracts and net long single stock futures by over 1.17 lakh contracts as on January 14. "Their derivatives positions show them to be hedging their cash sales or simply taking bullish trading bets, which suggests their faith in Indian stock markets is intact," said Rajesh Palviya, derivatives head at Axis Securities.

A futures contract either on an index or a stock facilitates the purchase or sale of an underlying index or stock at a predetermined price on a future date.

"FIIs can sell in cash at higher index levels, but hedge these sales by going long Nifty futures or stocks," explained Hormuz Maloo, director, AFco Investments.

The counterparties to FIIs on the index futures are domestic institutional investors, like mutual funds, and proprietary traders. On stock futures their counterparties are DIIs.

OMICRON SURGE

Demand for healthcare professionals up 6% in Dec

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@ New Delhi

THE new Covid-19 variant Omicron and an understaffed healthcare industry have led to a 6% month-on-month spike in the demand for medical professionals in December last year, a new report released on Monday suggests.

Data from the Monster Employment Index indicates demand for talent surged 12% year-on-year in December 2021, showcasing an optimistic recovery cycle.

Sekhar Garisa, CEO - Monster.com, a Quess company, said hiring numbers from the close of 2021 have certainly brought about a strong sense of hope and recovery across sectors.

"Given the spike in Covid cases, there has been a rise in job postings for healthcare professionals in India. However, we remain cautiously optimistic on the growth of the Indian recruitment space in 2022, keeping in mind the possible impact of Omicron on the job market," said Garisa.

The other sectors that followed with positive growth numbers include HR & admin (5%), finance & accounts (4%), software, hardware, telecom (2%), and senior management (2%). Hospitality & travel roles witnessed muted growth in the month, according to the report.

ONE-TIME TAX WRITE-BACK HELPS ULTRATECH'S PAT IN Q3FY22

Bullish build up post Q3 results

Mumbai: Ultratech's better-than-estimated third quarter profit spurred the creation of fresh bullish bets by derivatives traders. The active futures contract saw traders' outstanding positions, known as open interest (OI), jump 12.7% as the contract's price rose 3% to ₹7,902. From the day's low of ₹7,512.05, it closed at ₹7,902. The underlying stock is just 5% away from its 52-week high of ₹8,269 on NSE and analysts expect it to test the 52-week high on Tuesday or Wednesday. Monday's price action enabled the stock to close above a key 200-day simple moving average of ₹7,597.69, 100 SMA at ₹7,646.37 and even the 50 and 20 SMAs, as per HDFC Securities' data. This makes the outlook for the stock bullish.
Ram Sahgal

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ULTRATECH Cement on Monday reported net profit of ₹1,710 crore in the December-ended quarter as against ₹1,585 crore logged in the same period last year on the back of one-time tax write-back of ₹535 crore.

Analysts were expecting the Aditya Birla company to report profit after tax between ₹1,200 crore and ₹1,500 crore for the third quarter. The company's consolidated net sales came in at ₹12,710 crore as compared to ₹12,144 crore over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The company said that after gaining pace in October 2021, demand slowed down substantially in November, 2021 as a result of the construction ban in the NCR, extended monsoons in the south and a few states in the north, sand issues in the eastern region as well as in parts of Uttar Pradesh, and the Diwali holiday season.

Pet coke and international coal prices have started softening during this quarter, though the rates are still at elevated levels YoY, it added.

Ultratech's board at its meeting on Monday approved capex of ₹965 crore towards modernisation and expansion of capacity at Birla White from the current 6.5 LTPA to 12.53 LTPA, in a phased manner. The capacity expansion will help Birla White strengthen its presence in the growing white cement market.

The company said that with the onset of the peak season and rising construction activities, cement demand is expected to revive in Q4FY22, driven by a pick-up in the government-led infra and housing projects.

NTPC to raise up to $750m via ECB

New Delhi: State-owned NTPC on Monday informed that it has invited a request for proposal (RFP) for raising up to $750 million via External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) to fund its power projects, including renewable energy. The proceedings of the loan, NTPC informed, will be utilised towards capital expenditure for the new project. "NTPC is looking to raise External Commercial Borrowing in the form of term loan amounting to $500 m plus green shoe option of $250 million, subject to applicable statutory approvals. Accordingly, it is requested to quote an unconditional and firm rate for raising ECB," reads the RFP. NTPC said the loan shall be unsecured, without any guarantee or letter of comfort from the government.

$650 bn exports achievable: Goyal

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA can achieve exports target of $650 billion in the current financial year, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Piyush Goyal, said on Monday.

Chairing a review meeting of all major Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), Goyal said the $400 billion target of merchandise exports is within sight and the services sector should strive for $250 billion exports. Goyal said that the country has already achieved $300 billion merchandise exports in the first nine months of the financial year and expressed hope that the country can set a much higher target in the last quarter of FY22.

He assured the export promotion councils that his ministry would do whatever it takes in handholding the EPCs and resolving their issues to attain even higher export targets in the next financial year.

The minister assured the industry representatives to pursue their demands during various FTA negotiations.

EXPRESS READ

Govt reaps ₹6,600 cr as dividend from CPSEs

New Delhi: The government has received about ₹6,600 crore as dividend tranches from a dozen Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), including GAIL, NMDC and Power Grid. "Government has received about ₹972 crore and ₹2506 crore from Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited as Dividend tranches," Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said in a tweet on Monday.

Petrol, diesel sales fall in Jan as Omicron spreads

New Delhi: India's petrol and diesel sales fell in the first fortnight of January as the third wave of the pandemic starts to bite the economy as reflected in dip in workplace mobility and airline traffic. Sale of diesel, which accounts for about 40% of India's overall fuel consumption and mirrors industrial activity, fell 14.1% to 2.47 million tonne during January 1-15 when compared with the same period in December and 4.99% from a year ago, preliminary data from state fuel retailers showed. Diesel sales were down nearly 8%.

Flipkart launches start-up programmes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

E-COMMERCE firm Flipkart on Monday announced 'Leap Ahead' and 'Leap Innovation Network', two new programmes for start-ups. The company has already completed its first cohort of the programme Flipkart Leap, which has now evolved into two new programmes.

Flipkart Leap Ahead will invest in seed-stage start-ups that have disruptive business models and are innovating in areas that are a priority for the Flipkart group.

The programme aims to identify start-ups across sectors with a broad focus on fintech, supply chain, logistics, SaaS (focused on consumer tech), alternate commerce, B2B, social, healthtech, agritech and edtech, among others.

The selected start-ups will participate in a mentorship programme, customised curriculum and workshops run by Flipkart experts, prominent investors, and industry specialists. They will also receive an equity investment from Flipkart ranging between $150k and $500k as well as ecosystem connects, co-developing products and strategies, Flipkart said.

The Flipkart Leap Ahead programme will be the cornerstone of seed-stage investments made by Flipkart Ventures, the $100 million venture fund announced last year by Flipkart.

Ravi Iyer, Senior Vice-President and Head - Corporate Development, Flipkart, said, "With dedicated tracks for early-stage and growth-stage start-ups, this cohort will now expand its benefits to a much wider pool of entrepreneurs who are solving for digital India — be it meaningful partnerships and potential projects with Flipkart or equity investment that enables them to scale up further."

BETS BIG ON INSURANCE BIZ

Tech Mahindra acquires CTC for 310 million euros

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@ Bengaluru

TECH Mahindra on Monday announced 100% acquisition of Com Tec Co IT (CTC) for 310 million euros (over ₹2,600 crore) and it is also investing 20 million euros, in SWFT and Surance, for a 25% ownership in each of these two InsurTech ventures funded by the same founding group as CTC.

The acquisition includes earnouts and synergy linked payouts. CTC is an IT solutions and serving the insurance and financial services industries with development centres in Latvia and Belarus.

This will enable Tech Mahindra, a $5.1-billion organisation, to tap onto the potential industry disruption in the insurance sector, expand its offerings to high-end digital engineering services for some of the largest insurance, re-insurance and financial services organisations globally and scale its nearshore delivery presence.

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಜೇಶ್ ಎಂ, ಬಿನ್ ಸರಸ್ವತಿ, 33 ವರ್ಷ, ವಾಸ ನಂ. 18, 15ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 15ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಜೆ.ಸಿ.ನಗರ, ಮಹಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿಪುರಂ ಅಂಚೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 86, ಈ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ನಾನು, ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಮನು ಸಿ ಬಿನ್ ಚಂದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಉರುಫ್ ಕೆ.ಜಿ. ಚಂದ್ರು, 29 ವರ್ಷ, ವಾಸ: ನಂ. 19, 2ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ಗಾರ್ಡನ್, ಕಾಕ್ಸ್‌ಟೌನ್, ಜೀವನಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 05, ಇವರಿಂದ ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದು ಸರಿಯಷ್ಟೆ. ಆದಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಸದರಿ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ತಂಟೆ ತಕರಾರುಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಾದ **15 ದಿನಗಳ** ಒಳಗೆ ಸೂಕ್ತವಾದ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ನನ್ನಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ನನ್ನ ವಕೀಲರನ್ನಾಗಲೀ ಬೇಟಿಯಾಗತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅನಂತರ ಬಂದಂತಹ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಂಟೆ ತಕರಾರುಗಳು ಊರ್ಜಿತವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ವಿವರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಶ್ರೀಗಂಧಕಾವಲು ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಅಸೆಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 72 ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಪೈಕಿ 48ನೇ ನಂಬರಾಗಿ ನಂತರ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಹಾಲಿ ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ 70ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀಗಂಧಕಾವಲು ಗ್ರಾಮ ಇಲ್ಲಿರುವ 48ನೇ ನಂಬರುಳ್ಳ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ: ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ : ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ : ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು, ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ : ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು, ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ : ರಸ್ತೆ, ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಇರುವ ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: 30-0 ಅಡಿಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ : 40-0 ಅಡಿಗಳು, ಒಟ್ಟು 1200 ಚದರ ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಳತೆಯುಳ್ಳ ನಿವೇಶನ.

ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ಧನಂಜಯ, ವಕೀಲರು
ನಂ. 120, ಶ್ರೀ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ನಿಲಯ,
2ನೇ 'ಎ' ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೈರವೇಶ್ವರನಗರ,
ಲಗ್ಗೆರೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 058.
ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂ. 9242164578

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: **Sri. Jagadish .B** S/o Bore Gowda, residing at No.84, 3rd Circular Road, Dollars Scheme, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru- 560 096.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant site being BDA site No.184/E bearing Municipal No.1483/184/E measuring East to West –38.05 ft and North to South - 78.41 ft, totally measuring 2984.2 sq.ft., situated at HBR Layout, 1st stage, 3rd Block, Bangalore and bounded on :

East by : Site No.184/D;
West by : Site No.184/F;
North by : BDA Property (UAC);
South by : Road.

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand,
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru – 560 004.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE

No.4, First Floor, 'Jeevan Mangal' (LIC Building), Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. No. 838/2020

BETWEEN: Bank of Baroda ... Applicant

AND: Mr. Muddukrishna & Others ... **Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under Sec. 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of sum of Rs. 38,27,896/- (Thirty Eight lakh Twenty Seven thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Six Rupees only) as 31/05/2020 is being the amount due together with current and future interest @ 9.70% p.a. compounded monthly rests from the date of the application till realization and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendant/s is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent of his /their defense to show cause within on **14-02-2022** at 11 am as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take summons that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and by the seal of this Tribunal on 27-12-2021.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

To, **Defendant No. 2: V. M. Ashok,** S/o Muniyappa, R/at Varadahalli Village, Chickaballapura District.

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra
एक परिवार एक बैंक

Asset Recovery Branch, 1st Floor, No.15, Police Station Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004 Tele: 080-26706723 / 26706722

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (Appendix - IV -A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable and movable properties mortgaged/ charged to the **Bank of Maharashtra**, the **Physical possession** of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Maharashtra**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** basis on **04.02.2022 from 01.00 PM to 05.00 PM,** for recovery of the balance due to the **Bank of Maharashtra** from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under. EMD to be deposited by **3 pm on 03.02.2022.** Details of the borrower/s and guarantor/s, amount due, short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under-

Name of Borrower and Guarantor: 1) Saravana Buildwell Private Limited, No.1, 3rd Floor, G P Complex, 1st Main RMV 2nd Stage, New Bel Road, Bengaluru-560054 through its Directors **Mr. K Nagaraj** and **Mrs. Nalini Nagaraj. 2) Mr. K Nagaraj,** No.101, Saravana Garden, 8th Main, 4th cross, SBM Colony, Mathikere, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560054. **3) Mrs. Nalini Nagaraja,** No.101, Saravana Garden, 8th Main, 4th cross, SBM Colony, Mathikere, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560054.

Amount Due: Rs.9,86,69,745/- plus unapplied interest charged at the rate specified by RBI and as per Bank's policy time to time with monthly rests with effect from **01.12.2016** plus other charges thereof

Short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances:

1) Flat No.413, Block II, 3rd Floor, **"SARAVANA ESPLANADE",** 10/1-5, Tumkur Road, Yeshawanthpur, Bangalore-560022. Super built up area: 1256 sq.ft. **Boundaries: East:** Lobby, **West:** Open Space, **North:** Stairs & Flat No.412, **South:** Flat No.414.
Reserve Price: Rs.62.8 lacs; EMD: Rs.6.3 lacs; Possession Type: Physical

2) Flat No.513, Block II, 4th Floor, **"SARAVANA ESPLANADE",** 10/1-5, Tumkur Road, Yeshawanthpur, Bangalore-560022. Super built up area: 1256 sq.ft. **Boundaries: East:** Lobby, **West:** Open Space, **North:** Stairs & Flat No.512, **South:** Flat No.514.
Reserve Price: Rs.62.8 lacs; EMD: Rs.6.3 lacs; Possession Type: Physical

3) Flat No.408, Block III, 3rd Floor, **"SARAVANA ESPLANADE",** 10/1-5, Tumkur Road, Yeshawanthpur, Bangalore-560022. Super built up area: 1120 sq.ft. **Boundaries: East:** Lobby, **West:** Open Space, **North:** Flat No.409, **South:** Stairs and Flat No.407.
Reserve Price: Rs.56.00 lacs; EMD: Rs.5.6 lacs; Possession Type: Physical

4) Flat No.508, Block III, 4th Floor, **"SARAVANA ESPLANADE",** 10/1-5, Tumkur Road, Yeshawanthpur, Bangalore-560022. Super built up area: 1120 sq.ft. **Boundaries: East:** Lobby, **West:** Open Space, **North:** Flat No.509, **South:** Flat No.507.
Reserve Price: Rs.56.00 lacs; EMD: Rs.5.6 lacs; Possession Type: Physical

5) Flat No.407, Block III, 3rd Floor, **"SARAVANA ESPLANADE",** 10/1-5, Tumkur Road, Yeshawanthpur, Bangalore-560022. Super built up area: 1186 sq.ft. **Boundaries: East:** Lobby, **West:** Open Space, **North:** Flat No.408, **South:** Flat No.406.
Reserve Price: Rs.59.30 lacs; EMD: Rs.5.93 lacs; Possession Type: Physical

6) Flat No.507, Block III, 3rd Floor, **"SARAVANA ESPLANADE",** 10/1-5, Tumkur Road, Yeshawanthpur, Bangalore-560022. Super built up area: 1186 sq.ft. **Boundaries: East:** Lobby, **West:** Open Space, **North:** Stairs & Flat No.508, **South:** Flat No.506.
Reserve Price: Rs.59.30 lacs; EMD: Rs.5.93 lacs; Possession Type: Physical

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link **"https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/propsale.asp"** provided in the Bank's website and also Bank's approved service provider E-Bikray **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Please treat this also as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s), Mortgagor(s) of the secured debt mentioned above regarding holding the sale on the above mentioned date and time if their outstanding dues mentioned above are not paid in full.

Date: 18.01.2022
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer, & Chief Manager
Bank of Maharashtra, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

AXIS BANK LIMITED

Plot No.41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009.

APPENDIX-IV [Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Authorized Officer of the **Axis Bank Ltd** (Formerly known as UTI Bank Ltd.), having its Registered Office: "TRISHUL", Opposite Samartheswar Temple, Near Law, Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006, among other places its Branch office at **Axis Bank Ltd., Plot No.41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors:-

Name of the Applicant / Co-Applicant / Guarantors / Ac. No.	Liability in Rs.	Details of Mortgaged Immovable Property
Mrs. Kavitha S (Applicant), No.105, 18th Main, J.C Nagar, Mahalaksiimipuram Post, Kurubara Halli, Near ICICI Bank AIM, Bangalore-560086. **Also at: Sri Next Fashion Clothing,** No.286, 17th Main Road, JC Nagar, Kurubanahalli, Bangalore-560086. **Also at:** # 25/A, 14thi Main Opposite, Sree Manjunath Swamy Temple, Manjunatii Nagar, Bangalore-560010. **Also at:** No.101 (Old No.66), 18th Main Road, JC Nagar, Geleyara Balaga Layout, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore-560058. **Mr. Vijay Kumarr (Co-Applicant),** No.105, 18th Main, J.C. Nagar, Mahalakshmipuram Post, Kurubara Halli, Near ICICI Bank ATM, Bangalore-560086. **Also at:** #25/A, 14th Main, Opposite. Sree Manjunath Swamy Temple, Manjunath Nagar, Bangalore-560010. **Also at: Sri Thirumala Jewellery,** Works No.1. 2nd Main, Byraveshwaranagar, Laggere Main Road, Near Krisina Hotel, Bangalore-560058. **Loan Account No.PHR000901710533,** **Demand Notice Dated: 20.08.2020 Possession taken on: 13-01-2022**	**Rs. 50,84,902/-** being the amount due as on 20.08.2020 and interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of the Municipal property bearing No. 101, situated at 18th Main Road, BBMP Ward No.75, J.C.Nagar, Laggere Village. Yeshwanthapura Hobli. Bangalore North Taluk. Bangalore, measuring 600 Sq ft., which is **bounded on: North by:** Site No.69, **South by:** 30 Ft Road, **East by:** Site No.66, **West by:** Site No.67.

to repay the above mentioned liabilities in the respective Demand Notices within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under section 13(4) read with Rule 8 of the security interest (Enoforcement) rules, 2002, on date mentioned as above. The Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Axis Bank Limited,** for an amount specified in the above notice with future interest, other expenses thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 13.01.2022, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Axis Bank Limited**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL – II AT BANGALORE

2nd Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4, Residency Road, BANGALORE – 560 026.

O.A. No.893 / 2020

Between:

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, BTM Layout Branch, No. 8, 100ft., Ring Road, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, BANGALORE – 560 068. Reptd.by its Chief Manager, Sri Nagaraj C. Hasyagar **...APPLICANT**

And:

1) Sri CHANNABASAPPA K., S/o lateKondappa, Aged about 73 years,
2) Smt. K. HEMAVATHI, W/o Sri K. Channabasappa, Aged about 58 years,
3) Sri BASAVARAJU C., S/o Sri K. Channabasappa, Aged 32 years,
4) Ms. C. DEEPA, D/o Sri K. Channabasappa Aged 37 years
Sl. No. 1 to 4 are r/at No. 950, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, K.N. Extension, 4th Phase, 1st Stage, Gokula, Yeshwanthapura, BANGALORE – 560 022.
5) Smt. C. BINDHU, D/o Sri K. Channabasappa, W/o Dr. Ramesh B.H., Aged 40 years R/at No. 17, Old No. 117, 1st Main, 5th Cross, K.N. Extension, Yeshwanthapura, BANGALORE – 560 022. **...DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,21,23,650-36 (Rupees One Crore Twenty-one Lakhs Twenty-three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and Paise Thirty-six only),** together with current and future interest and other relief/s. The above Defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or through authorised agent/s in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 24/02/2022 at 11:00 AM,** as to why relief/s prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this **8th day of December 2021.**

Sd/- REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BANGALORE

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. / Due Date	Description		Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	14221002/07.02.2022	i) PVC Flooring Roll 2 X 1850 X 14000MM Colour as per sample no. NACFLG-02		4573 Nos.	1606110/-
		ii) PVC Flooring Roll 2 X 1850 X 14000MM Colour as per sample No. ACFLG-01		432 Nos.	
2.	13215727B/07.02.2022	High Diplory, As per ICF Drawing No. ICF/M&P-2556 & ICF/J&T/MISC-1788 ALTJ	PL No. N6415438	66 Nos.	3,10,200/-
3.	13215671A/09.02.2022	Flat Pallet Size 2400MM X 1200MM X 200MM, Mech/M&P/3500/GM/18	PL No. N6415389	100 Nos.	54000/-
4.	15215297/10.02.2022	Token Display System and Patient Queue Management System, Mech/ M&P/3600/GM/12 (for sanction under GM Power 2021-22)		1 No.	Nil
5.	05211552B/03.02.2022	Welding Pin		1055000 Nos.	Nil
6.	13225027/11.02.2022	Portable Plate Edge Bevelling Machine, as per Drawing, MECH/ M&P/3600/GM/11 (for sanction under GM Power 2021-22) (PL No.N6415162)		1 No.	Nil

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in**. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in**
2. Tenders will close at **14.25 HRS.** on due date and tender will be opened at **14.30 HRS.** Tenders **Sr. No. 1** to **4** & **6** will be open at RCF Kapurthala and **Sr. No. 5** will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi.
3. For queries, contact IREPS Help desk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF help desk at 011-23378658.
Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. **PCMM**

No. G-RCF/122-01/Stores/123/2021-22 **Dated: 17.01.2022**

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE 'ACT')

At the request, The Borrower, has granted by State Bank of India through its **Devanahalli Branch (40032) Devanahalli** has extended credit facility by way of financial assistance against house property creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The Relevant particulars of the said Credit facilities and the security agreement(s) /document(s) executed by borrower are stated in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" respectively to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its Branch as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as **Non Performing Asset dated n 29.12.2021**in accordance with the directives/guideliness issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the **demand notice dated : : 10.01.2022** as mentioned below sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved/ not acknowledged, this notice is now issued to the borrower by the paper publication through Newspapers as per the provisions of the said Act.

HTL A/c No: 64062850132 / DRS
Name & Address of the Borrower : To, Sri. S. Ramamurthy, s/o Late Subramani, No. 59, 7th A cross, 1st main, Attur Lay out, Yalahanka, Bangalore- 560064. # 139, opp Govt Hospital Road, BBMP Ward No 1, 3rd New Street, Old Yalahanka, Bangalore- 560064.
Liability: 13,11,946/- (Thirteen Lakh Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Six Only) inclusive of interest, as on 06.01.2022 interest Cost & Expenses.
NPA Date : 29.12.2021 **Demand Notice Date:10.01.2022**
Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the Property No. 139, Katha No. 139/166, Opp Govt Hospital Road BBMP Ward No 1, West Division, 3rd New Street, Old Town Yalahanka Bangalore 560064, Measuring Total Area 590 sqft., Standing in the Name of **S. Ramamurthy,** bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property of Jayaramappa, **North by:** Property of Bachamma, **South by:** Property of Vishwanath

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. The Borrower are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13. you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of the Bank and is empowered to issued this notice and exercise powers under Section 13 of the aforesaid Act.

Date: 17.01.2022
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Sd/- Chief Manager/Authorised Officer,
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SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to the Bangalore City Co. operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under " **AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Address Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt	Date of Public Auction
1.	Sri Ramachandraiah. B No. 2849, 27th Ward, 3rd Cross, Kempegowda Circle Ramanagar. E-Khatha No. 27-1-507-96, Municipal Khatha No. 773/2189/1997, Property No. 96, 3rd Cross, Block 1, Bolappana Halli, Amanikere, Ramanagar Town	East to West : 30 feet & North to South : 50 feet East by:- Road West by:- Site belongs to Kempaiah North by:- Road South by:- Site belongs to Hombalaiah	Rs. 63,21,632/- (Interest from 10.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 64,40,000/-	18.02.2022 10.00 A.M
2.	Smt. Gangamma No.509, 8th Main 4th Cross, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-40. No.133, Old No.509, Eastern Portion , 8th Main Road, Vijayanagar, PID No. 33-10-133, BBMP Ward No. 33 of Vijayanagar, Bengaluru.	East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 45 feet East by : Private Property West by : Property sold to Smt. Rudramma North by : Property No. 572 South by : Road	Rs. 61,28,852/- (Interest from 10.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 74,37,000/-	18.02.2022 10.30 A.M
3.	Smt. Vijayakumari. M No. 314, 6th Cross, Gokula, Mathikere Layout, Bengaluru-54. 1st Schedule : New Municipal No. 7/A, (Old No. 113/113A), 3rd Cross, Gokula 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, PID-No. 4-125- 7/1A, Bangalore.	East to West : 25 feet, North to South : 49.6 feet East by : Eastern portion Of property bearing No. 113 & 113/A/7 belongs to Sri. K. Chakravarthi, West by : Property No. 74, North by: Road, South by : Property No. 112,	Rs. 39,75,522/- (Interest from 10.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 83,40,000/-	18.02.2022 11.00 A.M
	2nd Schedule : No. 11/1, 7th Cross, Venkataranga pura, BBMP Ward No. 99 of Aramane Nagar, PID No. 99-79- 11/1, Bangalore.	East to West : 20 feet, North to South : 35 feet East by : Property No. 316, West by : Property belongs to. M. Velliyammal, North by: Conservnacy Road, South by : 7th Cross Road,		
4.	Sri. Shivakumar. K.R Flat No. 101, SLN Residency Site No. 115, 6th Cross Ring Road, Balaji Layout, Bengaluru-560 094 Municipal Khatha No. 438/44/4/197, 198, 199, Khaneshumari No. 44/4/197, 198 & 199, site No. 197, 198 & 199, Assessment No. 44, Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.	East to West : 20 feet & North to South : 90 feet East by:- Property belongs to Narayanappa West by:- Property belongs to Lokesh North by:- 25 feet Road South by:- Site No. 196.	Rs. 65,67,567/- (Interest from 10.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 69,78,000/-	18.02.2022 11.30 A.M
5.	Sri. Jayarama. M No.120/70, Devi Nilaya, 19th Cross, 1st main Road, Muniswappa layout, B.K. Nagar, Yashwanthapura, Benglauru-22. No.70, 1st Main Road, B.K. Nagar, BBMP Ward No. 03 of Yeshwanthapura, PID No. 3-95-70, Bengaluru.	East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 59 feet East by : Property No. 18 West by : Property belongs to M. Nagaraj North by : 30 feet Road South by : Private Property	Rs. 1,27,42,748/- (Interest from 10.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs.1,49,00,000/-	18.02.2022 12.30 P.M
6.	Smt. Christina Pramella No.71/A, Palace loop Road, Vasantha Nagar, Bengaluru-51. No.1/2, Palace Loop Road, BBMP Ward No. 78 of Vasanth Nagar, PID No. 78-122-1/2, Bengaluru.	Part 1st East to West : 11.6 feet & North to South : 48.0+50.6 feet / 2 Part 2nd East to West : 19.3 feet & North to South : 11.6 feet East by : Remaining Portions of the property belongs to Smt. Jayanthi & Property belongs to Sri. David Chandra paul, West by : Property belongs to Solomon Devaraj, North by : Palace Loop Road, South by : Property belongs to Sri. T. Muniramaiah.	Rs. 77,47,115/- (Interest from 10.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs.1,73,90,000/-	18.02.2022 02.00 P.M
7.	Sri. Ansar Pasha No.34, 4th Street Sloughter House Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051. No.22, Old No.10, New No. 22, M.No. 4th Street, BBMP Ward No. 79 of Shivaji nagar, PID No. 79-94-22, Sultanji gunta Road, Bengaluru-51.	Eastern Side : 38.6 feet, Western Side : 38 feet & Northern Side : 10.6 feet, southern Side : 26.6 feet East by : Property belongs to Veeraragavalu naidu West by : M. No. 4th Street North by : Sultanji gunta Road South by : Property belongs to Hassan Sahib.	Rs. 55,31,248/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs.63,23,000/-	18.02.2022 02.30 P.M
8.	Sri. Raju No.11, D Street, Byadarahalli, Benson town post, Bengaluru-46. No.11, "D" Street, Byadarahalli, BBMP Ward No. 91 of Pulikeshinagara, PID No. 91-36-11, Bengaluru.	East to West : 32 feet & North to South : 11.3 feet Total Measurement : 360 Sq. feet East by : Private Property, West by : Road North by : House No.10 South by : House No. 12.	Rs. 14,13,945/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 23,00,000/-	18.02.2022 03.00 P.M
9.	Sri. Ramamurthy. P No. 785, 17th Cross, 5th Block, HMT layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560 097. No. 785, New BBMP No. 744/2424/785, formed out of Sy. No. 34 to 39, 41 to 51 (portion) of Narasipura Village, HMT Layout, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, New BBMP Ward No. 09 of Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru.	East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 60 feet East by:- House Sri. Chikkanna (Site No. 786) West by:- Site No. 784 North by:- Site No. 766 South by:- Road.	Rs. 1,20,67,346/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs.1,33,90,000/-	18.02.2022 3.30 P.M
10.	Smt. Farzana Begum No.07, 1st B Main 15th Cross, Behind Keshav Theater, Lakkappa Colony, Yeswanthpura, Bengaluru-22. No.07, Old Site No. 12, Situated at 1st "B" Main, B.K. nagar, Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 03 of Yeshwanthapura, With PID No. 3-101-7, Bengaluru.	East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 30 feet East by:- Road West by:- Property NO. 05 North by:- Sri. C.Y. Muniswamappa's property South by:- Property No. 11,	Rs. 61,41,228/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs.74,75,000/-	18.02.2022 4.00 P.M
11.	Smt. Jaya. R No. 24, 1st A Cross Chocolate Factory Road, Tavarekere Main Road, Cashier layout, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru-29. No. 24, formed in Old Sy. No. 94 of Thavarekere, 1st Cross, Madiwala, PID No. 66-154-24, BMP Ward No. 56, Bengaluru.	East to West : 40 Feet & North to South : 30 Feet East by:- Site No. 15 West by:- Road North by:- Site No. 23 South by:- Site No. 25	Rs. 39,51,572/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 98,51,000/-	19.02.2022 10.00 A.M
12.	Sri. R. Seenappa No. 35/1, 4th Cross, 100 feet Road, Ring Road, Srinivagilu, Viveka nagar, Bengaluru-47. No. 35/1, 4th Cross, 100 feet Road, Srinivagilu Grama, presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 68 of Ejipura, PID No. 68-318-35/1, Bengaluru.	East to West : 20+27 feet & North to South : 41.3 feet / 2 East by:- Road West by:- Private property North by:- Road South by:- Property belonging to Susheelamma.	Rs. 35,05,748/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 1,00,00,000/-	19.02.2022 10.30 A.M
13.	Sri. Lakshmana. M No. 75/1, 1st Main Road, Mutthusandra Road, Sri Ram Layout, Varthur, Bangalore-87. Khatha Sl. No. 1528, Converted Sy. No.77/1, Municipal No.126, situated at Varthur Village, Varthur Main Road, Vide order No. ALN(EVH) SR105/2012-13, dtd. 03.07.2012, presently Coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, New Ward No. 149, Varthur, Bengaluru.	East to West : 101 feet & North to South : 64.7 feet In all Measuring 0.06. Guntas or 6534. Sq feet East by : Remaining portion same Sy. No.77/1 West by : Sy. No. 74 & 75 North by : Road & Sy. No. 75 South by : Sy. No. 77/2.	Rs. 2,60,96,195/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 3,32,00,000/-	19.02.2022 11.00 A.M
14.	Smt. Rani.P @ Rani No.03, 7th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Vinayaka Nagar, Bengaluru-30. New No.03, Old No. 123, 2nd Main, Vinayakanagar, Adugodi, PID No. 70-88-3, BBMP Ward No. 70 of Shanthinagar, Bengaluru.	East to West : 10 feet & North to South : 23 feet East by:- Road West by:- Property No. 114 & 115 North by:- Road South by:- Remaining property to Smt. S. Hemavathi.	Rs. 22,41,126/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 22,70,000/-	19.02.2022 11.30 A.M
15.	Sri. Dinesh. S (Deceased) Legal Representative's by 1) Shyamala (Wife) No. 12/2, South Street, Yelagondanapalya, Ashok Nagar Post, Austin Town, Bengaluru-47. No. 12/1, South Street, Yelagondanapalya, Civil Station, formerly known as dhowlath Khan Garden, PID No. 76-118-12/1, Richmond Town, BMP Ward No. 76, Bengaluru.	East by : 31.6 feet, West by : 35 feet , North by : 13.6 feet & South by : 13.6 feet East by:- Portion allotted to the first party West by:- Munichoodappa' House North by:- Road South by:- Formerly channel & Cemetry now private property	Rs. 4,68,582/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 50,00,000/-	19.02.2022 12.00 P.M
16.	Smt. Shameemunnisa (Deceased) Legal Representatives by :- 1) Syed Nazeer (Husband), 2) Syed Fariz (Son) 3) Syed Shabbir (Son), 4) Syed Mahaboob (Son) 5)Syed Shamsheer (Son), 6) Farhan Banu (Daughter) 7) Shabana Banu (Daughter) 8) Afsana Banu (Daughter) 9) Tabassum Banu (Daughter) No. 9/01, 16th Cross, 1st Main, Lakkasandra, Bengaluru-30. New Municipal No. 9/1, Old No. 5/9B, 1st Main Road, Hosur Road, Lakkasandra halli, BBMP Ward No. 62 of Hombegowda Nagar, PID No. 62-37-9/1, Bangalore.	East by : 30 feet , West by : 26 feet & North by : 54 feet , South : by : 40 feet East by:- Cross Road West by:- Property No. 5/10 North by:- Property No. 5/9A South by:- Road.	Rs. 40,88,633/- (Interest from 11.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 1,37,00,000/-	19.02.2022 12.30 P.M
17.	Smt. Manju. M No.26/5, 25th Cross, K.P. Agrahara Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-23. No.58, Old No.10, Eastern Portion, 6th Main, B Block, Kadapaswamy Mutt, Bhuvaneshwari nagar, K.P. Agrahara, BBMP Ward No.32 of K.P. Agrahara, PID No.32-38-58, Bengaluru.	East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 35 feet East by:- Eastern Portion of property bearing No.10 West by:- Drain North by:- Private Property South by:- Road	Rs. 9,81,485/- (Interest from 12.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 32,84,000/-	19.02.2022 02.00 P.M
18.	Sri. Yousuf Khan No.5/2, 9th Main Road, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26. No. 4/1, 9th main, Padarayanapura, BBMP Ward No.44 of Jagajeevan Ramnagar, PID No. 44-4-4/1, Bengaluru.	East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 60 feet East by : Old Municipal No.4 present municipal No.04. Measuring : 15 X 60 feet West by : Property No.03, North by : Conservancy South by : Main Road.	Rs. 20,91,626/- (Interest from 12.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 47,86,000/-	19.02.2022 2.30 P.M
19.	Smt. Maria Teresa No.159, 9th Cross, 13th Main, V.S. Garden, J.J.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-26. New Municipal No.5, Old No.159, 9th Cross, Venkataswamy Thota, Bangalore, PID No.44-46-05, Bangalore.	East to West: 18 feet & North to South: 25 feet East by : Site No.160. West by : 13th Main Road. North by : 9th Cross. South by : Property No.158.	Rs. 6,52,707/- (Interest from 12.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 15,01,000/-	19.02.2022 3.00 P.M
20.	Sri. Banagopal. H.S & Smt. Girija Banagopal. No.50, & 51/1, Anjaneya Temple Street narayanashetty pet, Bengaluru-02. No.50, Anjaneya Temple Street, BBMP Ward no. 28 of Chikkapete, PID No. 28-26-50, Bengaluru.	East to West : 43.9 feet & North to South : 44 feet East by : Property belongs to Anjaneya Temple Trust West by : Property belongs to Sri. Ganganna's North by : Road (Anjaneya Temple Street) South by : Property belongs to Narayanappa	Rs.1,96,68,099/- (Interest from 12.01.2022) Notice Date : 12.01.2022 Reserve Price Rs. 2,30,60,000/-	19.02.2022 3.30 P.M

(1) 1. The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No.3, Pampa Maha kavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18. (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10 % of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to Adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25 % of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance Within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like st duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at The Bangalore City Co. operative Bank ltd., Administrative office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512, they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Date : 17.01.2022
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

Lakshya pulls out of Syed Modi meet

India Open champion Lakshya Sen on Monday pulled out of the Syed Modi International Super 300 meet after feeling "exhausted". The 20-year-old had stunned world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore crown at the India Open final on Sunday. Top men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have also decided to give the tournament a miss.

CAPTAIN PLANET: SEARCH BEGINS

Ahead of South Africa ODIs, Bumrah says Team India is not facing any issues with captaincy changes

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

FOR a team that was appearing to be sailing smooth, India are suddenly finding themselves in a tight spot. From having the same captain across all formats, they shifted to two captains and now are without one for the Test team with Virat Kohli deciding to step aside. Amidst these changes, India are entering a new phase in the ODIs with an eye on the 2023 World Cup and the upcoming three-match series against South Africa could also turn into an audition for the Test captaincy as in Rohit Sharma's absence, KL Rahul takes the mantle with Jasprit Bumrah name too doing the rounds.

The job ahead of the selectors is already huge. With Rohit handed the responsibility to revive the performance of the limited-overs team, it remains to be seen if they will make them Test captain, especially if one considers his fitness issues. At 34, it will be too much of an ask for Rohit to manage three roles with the national team apart from captaining the IPL side. Which leaves the selectors to consider Rahul as an option with the off-field calls being Bumrah.

At present, everything is a mere speculation. The reason for not having a ready made replacement to Kohli is also the failure of the team management to groom his successor. When MS Dhoni, like Kohli, surprisingly quit Test captaincy in 2014, a 26-year-old man from Delhi was ready. The same can be said when Dhoni took over captaincy in the longer format. May be, the management had smooth plans with Ajinkya Rahane replacing Kohli, but the former has not been impressive with the bat, making his position in the team questionable.

"We are all here to help in any way we can. That is how players are responding to the changes that are happening. Everyone is respectful and understands how the process is going, the change is constant. I don't think anyone is facing a problem with the change as everybody understands the change. They have played enough cricket and know that this is the way the game goes. This is the way one has to move forward," said Bumrah, who also praised Kohli for his energy and bringing the fitness culture during his leadership.

Jasprit Bumrah (left) & Co during a practice session in Paarl on Monday | BCCI

India, like most of the teams, have traditionally picked batters as captain with Anil Kumble being the excepting in recent times. If selectors look beyond Rohit, Bumrah is an option as he is among the first names in the XI and with age on his side could be a long-term option too. So far in his career Bumrah has never been part of the leadership group and has not captained at any level, but is believed to be sound, thinking cricketer. That he was made a vice-captain for the South Africa ODIs only highlights his growing stature with in the team.

Bumrah was asked about his aspirations and the pacer didn't hide his interest. "I am ready to contribute in whatever position and way I can to the team. It (captaincy) is something that I am not going to chase." said Bumrah in a virtual interaction on Monday. "If given an opportunity, it would be an honour. I don't think any other player would say no. I am no different. Be it any leadership group or a responsibility group, I always look to contribute to the best of my ability."

The decision of new captaincy cannot be taken in haste as the next couple of years are crucial for Team India. It is not only about the change in captaincy with Kohli, there is a new management with Rahul Dravid at the helm and more importantly, there are some major events, including the ongoing World Test Championship besides the T20 World Cup and the 50 over World Cup in 2022 and 2023 respectively.

Under prepared but on right track at U-19 WC

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

THIS is unusual territory for an India U-19 team. Off late, they have entered the World Cups as the most well prepared team with their planning lasting a couple of years. Regular camps at the National Cricket Academy, exposure tours and series against top teams to go with domestic meets mean by the time they enter a World Cup, they have resembled a well-oiled machine.

This time it is different. The onset of the pandemic soon after the Yashasvi Jaiswal-led team lost to Bangladesh in the final in South Africa in 2020 meant the current batch have had just over three months for preparation. The Vinoo Mankad Trophy, Challenger Trophy and a triangular series and the Asia Cup is all that they had before they landed in the Caribbean and their rustiness still showed in their first match against South Africa, which they won by 45 runs despite a batting collapse.

"They are still a work in progress. But this side knows how to fight," said S Sharath, the chairman of the junior selection committee. "We had little time before the World Cup and in that context, the boys have been responding well to our preparations. We knew it will be challenging, but at the same time all of us including (Rahul) Dravid, (VVS) Laxman put a plan in place. And credit to the BCCI, especially secretary Jay Shah and president Sourav Ganguly for catering to our need," he said.

With travel restrictions affecting their touring plans, the BCCI even arranged a 10-day camp in December in Bengaluru, where the team received centre-wicket practice. Broken down into net sessions, planning and fitness, the entire camp was overseen by Laxman, who is the head of cricket at the NCA. While the World Cup in the Caribbean is being played in a relaxed bubble, the players had to live in a hard bubble during their series in India as the BCCI was cautious with their safety.

"We didn't want to take any chances and in the current circumstances you have to see if a player can manage the bubble life and even Dravid and Laxman wanted to choose the players with right attitude. And we had to give as many opportunities to everyone before naming the squad. So in that sense the Challenger Trophy with six teams allowed us to widen the pool. From there we picked two teams for the triangular series and from there we finalised the World Cup squad. And we have picked the squad only on the basis of their white-ball performances. The message from the BCCI has been to concentrate on the process — which is to ensure these players develop into good first-class cricketers. World Cup is just another step," Sharath said.

Although India A lost to Bangladesh A in the final of the tri-series, the team bounced back by winning the Asia Cup in the last week of December. According to Sharath, the selectors and the NCA were also cautious in increasing their workload as they hadn't played any cricket for nearly 18 months. "We told them to be guarded and take it one step at a time. You have to gradually pick up the pace. They know there is still a lot to do and we are impressed by their awareness. Even when they won the Asia Cup, there were no over the top celebrations. They are on the right track because winning Asia Cup isn't easy because Pakistan, Bangladesh have good team and it was a good confidence booster," Sharath said.

The young guns will next face Ireland on Wednesday.

EXPRESS READ

Gill shines as UP Yoddha beat Puneri Paltan

BENGALURU: Surender Gill shone with his raids as UP Yoddha beat Puneri Paltan 50-40 in a high-scoring match of Pro Kabaddi League Season 8. Gill (21 points) and Pardeep Narwal (10 points) scored Super 10s for Yoddha in a match, which had way too many defensive errors. Aslam Inamdar and Mohit Goyat had Super 10s for the Pune side.

Jamshedpur's tie vs Hyderabad postponed

BAMBOLIM: Jamshedpur FC's Indian Super League match against Hyderabad FC was postponed hours before kick-off here on Monday after the Jharkhand-based club failed to field a team due to Covid-19 cases in its ranks. Jamshedpur FC played their last match on January 11 when they beat SC East Bengal 1-0 here.

Penalty Corner rule tweaked by FIH

LAUSANNE: The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has allowed players defending penalty corners to keep their protective equipment on even after the ball goes outside the striking circle, but must remove them at the first opportunity inside the 23m area. Earlier, the players defending penalty corners were bound to remove their protective equipment immediately inside the circle once the flick is executed. But the FIH has tweaked its Rule 4.2, which relates to removal of penalty corner protective equipment.

Rafael Nadal posted straight-set victory over Marcos Giron in the opening round in Melbourne on Monday | AP

Rafa through as tennis starts post visa saga

AFP @ Melbourne

RAFAEL Nadal opened his Australian Open campaign in storming style as the first Grand Slam of the year finally began after a chaotic build-up dominated by the visa saga engulfing World No 1 Novak Djokovic.

Defending women's champion Naomi Osaka breezed into the second round but teenager Coco Gauff was an early big name casualty, the American 17-year-old dumped out in straight sets by China's Wang Qiang, who is ranked outside the top 100.

Nadal started his quest to become the first male to win 21 Grand Slams by sweeping aside the 66th-ranked Marcos Giron 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

There was relief from Nadal that they were at last playing tennis — he said he had grown "quite tired" of talking about his great Serbian rival, for whom he said he still has respect. Fourth seed Barbora Krejcikova of the Czech Republic had little problem in blowing away Germany's Andrea Petkovic 6-2, 6-0 in 67 minutes. However, 18th-seeded prodigy Gauff, lost 6-4, 6-2 to China's Wang.

No unvaccinated players at French Open?

All athletes who wish to compete in France will have to be vaccinated against Covid-19, government sources said. This appears to contradict what sports minister Roxana Maracineanu said last week, that certain events like the French Open had a special exemption, when asked whether Djokovic could play.

For ordinary citizens entering France it is not obligatory to be vaccinated but will be for those wishing to enter an establishment which has a public attendance (ERP).

SELECT RESULTS (ALL RD1)

Men's singles: Alexander Zverev bt Daniel Altmaier 7-6 (3), 6-1, 7-6 (1), Rafa Nadal bt Marcos Giron 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, Matteo Berrettini bt Brandon Nakashima 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Women's singles: Ash Barty bt Lesia Tsurenko 6-0, 6-1, Madison Keys bt Sofia Kenin 7-6 (2), 7-5, Naomi Osaka bt Camila Osorio 6-3, 6-3.

TUESDAY'S MATCHES (SELECT, ALL RD1)

Men's singles: Henri Laaksonen vs Daniil Medvedev, Mikael Ymer vs Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Women's singles: Sloane Stephens vs Emma Raducanu, Clara Burel vs Garbine Muguruza.

Live on Sony Networks 5.30 AM onwards

AIFF hoping to navigate third Covid wave to host Asian Women's Cup

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

WOMEN'S football in India is set to experience one of its biggest years with the AFC Asian Women's Cup set to be held in a few days' time and the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup set to be conducted in October.

However, the Covid-19 pandemic has taken the sheen off the continental tournament to some extent with no spectators allowed and the players having to play inside a bio-bubble.

The All India Football Federation president, Praful Patel, suggested that the LOC has contingency plans in place according to the SOPs and guidelines provided by the AFC and FIFA. In fact, Patel suggested that India's capabilities of hosting major international tournaments has given them the confidence to even bid for the 2027 Asian Cup.

"India is a serious contender for (hosting) the 2027 Asian Cup. There is no question of not trying our best, but you know it is a competitive bidding process and we will be pitted against Qatar and Saudi Arabia and others. I've spoken to the Government of India and this requires support at all levels. The government of India is also very forthcoming in this issue. Hosting these major tournaments (referring to the FIFA U-17 men's World Cup and the upcoming AFC tournaments) changed the landscape of Indian football," said Patel during a virtual interaction on Monday.

While Patel is confident about hosting major tournaments in the future, the immediate attention is on the Women's Asian Cup, a 12-team tournament which begins on January 20. Initially, it was supposed to be held across Navi Mumbai, Bhubaneshwar and Ahmedabad but the Covid situation forced the organisers to give sole hosting rights to Maharashtra, with matches set to be held across DY Patil Stadium (Navi Mumbai), Mumbai Football Arena (Mumbai) and Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex (Pune) inside a bio-bubble.

"India is all set to host the Asian Cup and the U-17 Women's World Cup in October. We have followed the strictest of protocols and the government of Maharashtra is helping us. These were not the original scheduled venues. We had to reschedule it and AFC and FIFA wanted that we don't make the teams travel much. And it'd be easier to manage," said the FIFA council member.

The question arose about how the organisers were planning to tackle a situation in case there was a Covid outbreak inside the bubble.

"Let's hope that anything untoward won't happen. AFC already has a lot of contingency plans and assuming some players have the virus, they can be isolated and the team can be fielded. As long as 13 players are available from the total sanctioned squad, the participating teams will be allowed to play," he added.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

LOCAL EXPRESS

BFC women's team to feature in A Division

BENGALURU: Bengaluru FC are set to field their women's team for the upcoming KSFA A Division Women's League, which is scheduled for January 25 start. The club will field their U-15 side in the competition. The players were picked around September after trials were held and the team has been practicing ever since.

Super Div : Kickstart docked nine points

BENGALURU: The Bangalore District Football Association (BDFA) has decided to dock Kickstart FC nine points from the recently concluded Super Division League, which was won by FC Bengaluru United. They failed to adhere to the U-21 rule, which stated that all teams must have two U-21 players on the pitch at all times. It was said to be not followed in few matches during substitutions. With the deduction of nine points, Kickstart have slid from second to third in the table.

SERIAL WINNERS

Real Madrid overcome Bilbao to clinch Spanish Super Cup

AFP @ Riyadh

REAL MADRID won the Spanish Super Cup by beating Athletic Bilbao 2-0 on Sunday as Luka Modric and a Karim Benzema penalty secured a comfortable victory in Saudi Arabia.

Modric's curling finish towards the end of the first half and Benzema's strike early in the second sealed the win for Madrid, who claimed their first trophy in Carlo Ancelotti's second spell as coach.

Athletic had beaten La Liga champions Atletico Madrid to reach the final but were well beaten at the King Fahd Stadium by a slick, organised Real Madrid side, that have now lost only once in 20 matches.

They had brief hope in the 87th minute when they were awarded a penalty and Eder Militao was sent off, but Raul Garcia missed and Madrid's win was safe. Ancelotti's side face Elche on Wednesday in the quarterfinals of the Copa del Rey and Paris Saint-Germain next month in the last 16 of the Champions League.

In La Liga, they are five points clear at the top of the table. "It's an impulse, an impulse to keep going," said Ancelotti. "We don't have much time to think because another competition is coming." Modric continued his brilliant form by scoring the opener, a goal that makes him the oldest goalscorer in Spanish Super Cup history at 36.

Real Madrid's players celebrate after winning the Spanish Super Cup final | AP

The 33-year-old Marcelo, meanwhile, came on for the last few minutes, before lifting his 23rd trophy at Real Madrid, equalling the haul of Paco Gento as the most successful player in the club's history.

"He's one of the greats, a legend of this club," said Madrid president Florentino Perez.

Ancelotti now has five trophies as Real Madrid coach, adding a Spanish Super Cup to the Copa del Rey, Champions League, UEFA Super Cup and Club World Cup he won during his first spell.

The Spanish Super Cup stayed in Spain in 2021 because of the pandemic but has returned to Saudi Arabia as part of an agreement until 2029 that will earn the Spanish football federation around 30 million euros a year.

Objections from players and coaches have been noticeably muted but Athletic Bilbao's Raul Garcia spoke out last week. He said moving a Spanish tournament 7,000 kilometres away was symptomatic of the authorities "forgetting the basics of football".

China cancel plans to sell tickets for Olympics

AFP @ Beijing

CHINA on Monday cancelled plans to sell tickets to the public for the Winter Olympics in Beijing, as the number of Covid-19 cases in the country reached its highest since March 2020.

Organisers said last year there would be no international spectators at the Games — partly due to China's weeks-long quarantine requirements — but they had promised to allow domestic audiences. But those plans were scrapped on Monday as China reported 223 new infections just three weeks before the Winter Olympics are set to open.

Greece on Monday imposed a vaccination mandate for people over age 60, as coverage remains below the European Union average and a recent spike in infections has sustained pressure on hospitals.

People who are not fully vaccinated against Covid-19 were banned from riding public transport in the Philippine capital region on Monday in a desperate move that has sparked protests from rights groups

Amazon's UK site backs away from plan to stop taking Visa

TECH

PARIS: Amazon's British website has backed away from plans to stop accepting Visa credit cards issued in the United Kingdom, saying on Monday that the move has been put on hold while talks between the two sides continue.

The online retailer said the change would not be implemented as planned on Wednesday.

Amazon had announced the move in November, blaming "the high fees Visa charges for processing credit card transactions."

"We are working closely with Visa on a potential solution that will enable customers to continue using their Visa credit cards on Amazon.co.uk," the retailer said in an email to customers.

Amazon didn't rule out future action but told customers it would give them "advance notice" of any changes related to the acceptance of Visa credit cards. Credit card fees have been a growing source of tension between Amazon and Visa. Last year, Amazon started charging customers in Australia and Singapore who use Visa credit cards a 0.5% surcharge.

In any credit card transaction, there are a number of fees involved, such as an "interchange fee" that the shopper's bank pays to the retailer's bank and other costs like service and technology charges.

EXFILE • SPACE

METEORITE HOLDS NO PROOF OF MARTIAN LIFE: STUDY

A meteorite from Mars found in Antarctica in 1984 contains no evidence of Martian life, a team of researchers reported last week. Their finding, published in the Science journal, may end decades-long debate on whether the carbon compounds found on it could be taken as a sign of life on the red planet

'REASONABLE INTERPRETATION'

Andrew Steele of Carnegie Institution for Science, who led the team of researchers said advances in technology made his team's new findings possible. He commended the measurements by the original researchers and noted that their life-claiming hypothesis "was a reasonable interpretation" at the time

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of some 60,000 meteorites discovered on Earth have been identified as originating from Mars, according to NASA

4.5 BN YEARS

is the estimated age of the meteorite. It is not a surprise then that it is the oldest known Mars meteorite to hit the Earth. It is thought to have landed in Antarctica more than **13,000 years ago**

SALTY WATER TO BLAME

Tiny samples from the meteorite show the carbon-rich compounds are actually the result of water — most likely salty, or briny, water — flowing over the rock for a prolonged period

During Mars' wet and early past, at least two impacts occurred near the rock, heating the planet's surrounding surface, before a third impact bounced it off the red planet and into space millions of years ago

Groundwater moving through the cracks in the rock, while it was still on Mars, formed the tiny globs of carbon that are present, according to the researchers at Carnegie Institution for Science. The same thing can happen on Earth and could help explain the presence of methane in Mars' atmosphere, they said

4-POUND

rock was found in Antarctica in 1984. Millions of years after drifting through space, it landed in the continent thousands of years ago. The small gray-green fragment got its name — Allan Hills 84001 — from the hills where it was found

SCIENTISTS REACT

Two scientists who took part in the original study took issue with latest findings. "While the data presented adds to our knowledge, the interpretation is hardly novel, nor supported by the research," one of them said

NASA'S 1996 FINDING SPARKS DEBATE

In 1996, a NASA-led team announced that organic compounds in the rock appeared to have been left by living creatures

The claim instantly made headlines worldwide. It led the then US president Bill Clinton to give a speech praising the scientists for their discovery

However, the scientific community has been divided, and research since then have questioned the claim that the samples from the rock could indicate life on Mars

WAIT FOR PERSEVERANCE ROVER

Rocks blown off the surface of Mars have fallen onto earth several times. They have helped scientists understand the conditions on the red planet. Of the dozens of meteorites from the planet, scientists have determined that at least three may carry evidence of past life there. Another, and probably the best, way to prove whether Mars ever had or still has microbial life is to bring samples to Earth for analysis. NASA's Perseverance Marsrover already has collected six samples for return to Earth in a decade or so

Russia reports sharp spike in Covid cases

Health watchdog warns daily cases might reach six-figure levels

COVID

MOSCOW: Russian authorities on Monday reported a sharp spike in new coronavirus cases, apparently driven by the rapid spread of the omicron variant health officials warned about last week.

The country's state coronavirus task force registered 30,726 new infections over the last 24 hours, which is twice as many as 15,830 just a week ago and the highest daily tally since early December. The task force has also reported 670 deaths.

The omicron variant spreads much more easily than other coronavirus strains, and has already become dominant in many countries. It also more easily infects those who have been vaccinated or had previously been infected by prior versions of the virus.

Infections in Russia steadily climbed all of last week, and officials sounded the alarm about a looming surge of cases driven by omicron's rapid spread.

Anna Popova, head of Russia's public health watchdog Rospotrebnadzor, has warned that daily new cases might reach six-figure levels, and President Vladimir Putin has said that Russia has "a couple of weeks" to prepare for the unprecedented surge.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said Friday that omicron is responsible for nearly half of all new infections in the capital. On Monday, new virus cases in the city surpassed 7,000.

Russia's state coronavirus task force has registered over 10.8 million confirmed infections and 3,21,990 deaths since the start of the pandemic.

Russia's state statistics agency, which uses broader counting criteria, puts the death toll much higher, saying the overall number of virus-linked deaths between April 2020 and October 2021 was over 6,25,000.

Russia had only one nationwide lockdown, in 2020, and in October 2021, many Russians were ordered to stay off work for a week amid a jump in infections and deaths.

However, authorities have so far generally resisted shutting down businesses or imposing any tough restrictions.

On Friday, the government decided to indefinitely postpone introducing restrictions for the unvaccinated they have been mulling over since November.

These restrictions would have limited access to many public places to only those who have been fully jabbed, recently recovered from the virus or is medically exempt from immunisation, and have proven to be extremely unpopular among vaccine-hesitant Russians.

Just about 50% of Russia's 146-million population have been fully vaccinated so far, even though Russian government has boasted about being the first country in the world to approve and roll out a domestically-developed coronavirus vaccine.

China blames mails from US for virus surge

COVID

BEIJING: China on Monday blamed the lone Omicron case in Beijing to an international mail delivered from Canada to Beijing via the US and Hong Kong, as the Chinese capital was on alert ahead of next month's Winter Olympics.

The single Omicron case detected in Beijing was traced back to an international document from Canada, and it was found to have similar strains from those in North America and Singapore, official media here reported.

The detection ahead of February 4 Beijing Winter Olympics sent officials on a leather hunt to prevent it from spreading. The Beijing patient received an item of mail on January 11 delivered from Canada via the US and Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region, Pang Xinghuo, deputy director of the Beijing centre for disease control and prevention, said.

Ozone pollution costs Asia billions in lost crops: Study

ENVIRONMENT

TOKYO: Persistently high levels of ozone pollution in Asia are costing China, Japan and South Korea an estimated $63 billion annually in lost rice, wheat and maize crops, a new study says.

While ozone forms a protective layer around the Earth in the upper atmosphere, it is a harmful pollutant at ground level.

It is created by a chemical reaction when two pollutants, often emitted by cars or industry, combine in the presence of sunlight and it can interfere with plant photosynthesis and growth.

The research published on Monday harnesses pollution monitoring data from the region and field experiments to show ozone affects Asia's crop yields more than previously thought.

The study's authors said the findings should push policymakers to reduce emissions that produce ozone.

"Air pollution control in North America and Europe succeeded in lowering ozone

levels," said Kazuhiko Kobayashi, a co-first author of the study and professor emeritus affiliated with the University of Tokyo. "We need to repeat that success across East and South Asia," he told AFP.

Previous estimates of ozone's effects on staple crops such as rice, wheat and maize have sometimes used varieties that are not prevalent in Asia, or tested plants grown in pots rather than fields.

To get a more accurate picture, the researchers looked at varieties common in the region and did experiments with crops in pots but also in fields.

They exposed rice, wheat and maize to varying levels of ozone and used the resulting crop yields to model how different exposures affected plant development.

They also tested the model with a second experiment in which the crops were treated with a chemical that protects against the effects of ozone, to see if the yield increased in line with their estimations.

To determine real-world effects, the researchers then applied ozone data from more than 3,000 monitoring sites in China, South Korea and Japan to their model.

They found a mean of 33 per cent of China's wheat crop is lost annually because of ozone pollution, with 28 per cent lost in South Korea and 16 per cent for Japan.

For rice, the mean figure in China was 23 per cent, though the researchers found hybrid strains were significantly more vulnerable than inbred ones. In South Korea the figure was nearly 11 per cent, while in Japan it was just over five per cent.

555.55-carat rare black diamond lands in Dubai

AUCTION

DUBAI: Auction house Sotheby's Dubai has unveiled a diamond that's literally from out of this world.

Sotheby's calls the 555.55-carat black diamond — believed to have come from outer space — "The Engima." The rare gem was shown off on Monday to journalists as part of a tour in Dubai and Los Angeles before it is due to be auctioned off in February in London.

Sotheby's expects the diamond to be sold for at least 5 million British pounds ($6.8 million). The auction house plans to accept cryptocurrency as a possible payment as well.

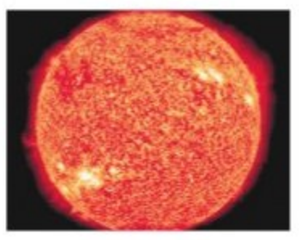
Sophie Stevens, a jewelry specialist at Sotheby's Dubai, told The Associated Press that the number five bears an importance significance to the diamond, which has 55 facets as well.

"The shape of the diamond is based on the Middle-Eastern palm symbol of the Khamsa, which stands for strength and it stands for protection," she said.

A model demonstrates "The Enigma" in Dubai

FACT OF THE MATTER

Experts against dimming rays



CLIMATE

Planetary-scale engineering schemes designed to cool Earth's surface and lessen the impact of global heating are potentially dangerous and should be blocked by governments, more than 60 policy experts and scientists said on Monday. Even if injecting billions of sulphur particles into the middle atmosphere — the most hotly debated plan for so-called solar radiation modification (SRM) — turned back a critical fraction of the sun's rays as intended, the consequences could outweigh any benefits, they argued in an open letter. "Solar geoengineering deployment cannot be governed globally in a fair, inclusive and effective manner," said the letter, supported by a commentary in the journal WIREs Climate Change.

Gene that helps fight Covid

HEALTH

Researchers have identified a specific gene variant that protects against severe Covid-19 infection. A team led by researchers at Karolinska Institutet in Sweden pinpointed the variant by studying people of different ancestries. The study shows genes can influence whether we become severely affected or only suffer mild illness. Previous studies on mainly people of European ancestry have found that individuals carrying a particular segment of DNA have a 20 per cent lower risk of developing a critical Covid-19 infection. This DNA segment encodes genes in the immune system, and is inherited from Neanderthals in about half of all people outside Africa, the researchers said.

Britons' boozing skyrockets

HEALTH

Britons are increasingly drinking dangerous levels of alcohol since the start of the pandemic and will not return to drinking at levels before the global health crisis, official figures showed Monday. Data from the government showed that millions of people in England are downing bottles of wine, beers and spirits that are harmful to their health. The monthly YouGov survey of 1,700 people showed that 18 percent of adults in England were drinking at increasing or higher risk in the three months to October 2021. In contrast, around 12 per cent of adults were drinking at that level before the pandemic hit in February 2020. The problem drinking is now affecting around a quarter of adult men and 10 per cent of women. The YouGov survey looked at how often people drink, how many units in one session, whether they ever feel guilty and whether they miss out on usual activities due to drinking.

PEEK BACK

Cold Case team sheds new light on Anne Frank's betrayal

HISTORY

AMSTERDAM: A cold case team that combed through evidence for five years in a bid to unravel one of World War II's enduring mysteries has reached what it calls the "most likely scenario" of who betrayed Jewish teenage diarist Anne Frank and her family.

Their answer, outlined in a new book called *The Betrayal of Anne Frank A Cold Case Investigation*, by Canadian academic and author Rosemary Sullivan, is that it could have been a prominent Jewish notary called Arnold van den Bergh, who disclosed the secret annex hiding place of the Frank family to German occupiers to save his own family from deportation and murder in Nazi concentration camps.

"We have investigated over 30 suspects in 20 different scenarios, leaving one scenario we like to refer to as the most likely scenario," said film maker Thijs Bayens, who had the idea to put together the cold case team, that was led by retired FBI agent Vincent Pankoke, to forensically examine the evidence. Bayens was quick to add that, "we don't have 100% certainty."

"There is no smoking gun because betrayal is circumstantial," Bayens told The Associated Press on Monday.

The Franks and four other Jews hid in the annex, reached by a secret staircase hidden behind a bookcase, from July 1942 until they were discovered in August 1944 and deported to concentration camps.

Only Anne's father, Otto Frank, survived the war. Anne and her sister died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Anne was 15.

The diary Anne wrote while in hiding was published after the war and became a symbol of hope and resilience that has been translated into dozens of languages and read by millions. But the identity of the person who gave away the location of their hiding place has always remained a mystery, despite previous investigations.

The team's findings suggest that Otto Frank was one of the first to hear about the possible involvement of Van den Bergh, a prominent member of the Jewish community in Amsterdam.

A brief note, a typed copy of an anonymous tip delivered to Otto Frank after the war, names Van den Bergh, who died in 1950, as the person who informed German authorities in Amsterdam where to find the Frank family, the researchers say.

The note was an overlooked part of a decades-old Amsterdam police investigation that was reviewed by the team, which used artificial intelligence to analyse and draw links between archives around the world.

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DAY'S DIARY

Cricket record

On this day in 2015, South African batsman AB de Villiers smashed the fastest ever one-day international century against West Indies

BEATING BY A MARGIN

The 30-year-old cricketer accomplished the feat in merely 31 balls, which was five balls fewer than the previous record holder, New Zealand's Corey Anderson

EARLY RECOGNITION

De Villiers' supreme ability caught the eye of selectors and he was fast-tracked into the national squad as a raw 20-year-old in 2004

IMPRESS, NO LESS

He is the first wicket-keeper to score a century and claim 10 dismissals in a Test match and in 2013, topped Test and ODI batting rankings

Vinay Rajkumar on his upcoming movie Pepe

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BREAKFAST SCENES

From akki rotti to panini and avocado on toast, restaurants in Bengaluru are now focusing on exclusive morning menus after the night curfew kicked in

SANATH PRASAD

THERE'S a sense of deja vu with the third wave of Covid-19 having kicked in. Curbs, curfews and restrictions are here. As the hospitality sector continues to take a beating owing to the night curfew, restaurateurs seem to have been working on a new strategy.

From opening their doors as early as 9am to adding a bunch of new food items, restaurants are now catering to the morning crowd.

Pizza brand Little Italy is planning to open at 10 am and is introducing a set of breakfast options, including paninis, pancakes, waffles and hot beverages like tea and coffee. "With another wave of the pandemic forcing restrictions upon us, it's imperative we find ways to maximize our revenue and build new streams of income. Breakfast is one such avenue which can potentially help grow sales for us in the morning hours. We also encourage people to work from our restaurants while they enjoy breakfast," says Amrut Mehta, chef and director at Little Italy Group of restaurants.

Avocado dynamite toast, avocado burger, superfoods green smoothie bowl and therapeutic tea – Santé Spa Cuisine at Indiranagar is now open for breakfast from 9am. "Earlier we used to open at 11 am but now we have advanced it to 9 am. A lot of people showed interest in coming early and that is when we decided to curate a breakfast menu that can attract the morning crowd. We are also delivering breakfast during the weekend curfew as well," says Pallavii Gupta, co-partner, Santé Spa Cuisine.

If you thought a pub would restrict itself to beverages alone, things have changed since last week. Byg Brewski Brewing Company is now anticipating early customers due to the night curfew and this has forced them to introduce a traditional South Indian brunch menu coupled with beverages. "Since the night curfew kicked in, we wanted to expand on the brunch menu. We now serve akki rotti, ragi rotti, puliyogare and mosappu at our pub. Although it does not fit the pub's template, we are expecting customers to savour a traditional brunch in the coming days," says Ajay Gowda, director of Byg Brewski Brewing Company.

Surendra Kedia, owner of Cafe Reset and Reset Kormanagala, says, "We are now starting our services from 7:30am. We expect a lot of early risers, because of which we have curated a tailor-made menu. We finds a lot of working professionals coming and working out of here in the mornings, many of whom opt for an English breakfast."

We are serving akki rotti, mosappu, and puliyogare although it doesn't fit the pub culture. We want to expand our morning menu owing to the night curfew — Ajay Gowda, director, Byg Brewski

A lot of people showed interest in coming down early and that is when we decided to curate a breakfast menu that can attract a morning crowd — Pallavii Gupta, co-partner, Santé Spa Cuisine

IN MEMORY- BIRJU MAHARAJ (1938-2022)

'He had a childlike innocence'

SIMRAN GODHWANI
Kathak dancer

Pandit Birju Maharaj

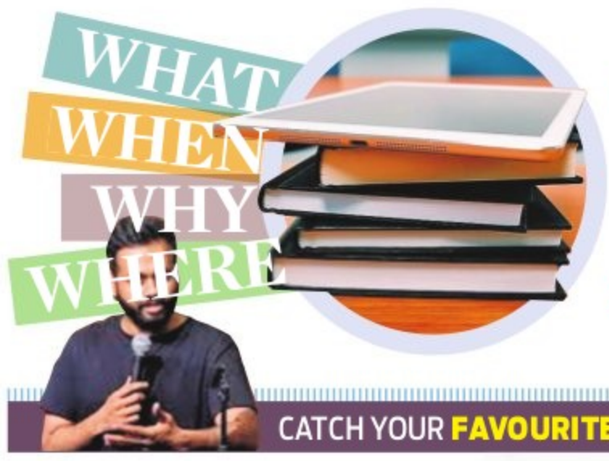
THE first time I met Pandit Birju Maharaj ji was way back in the late '90s, when I used to travel to Delhi with my guru Shree Murari ji – a direct disciple of Maharaj ji. But I got to interact with Maharaj ji more closely only in 2006, when he came to Bengaluru to perform with Ustad Zakhir Hussain. This was the time when I was still working in the corporate sector. I went to the concert and later went to the green room to meet Maharaj ji. He asked me why I hadn't taken up Kathak full time. I told him that I wanted to pursue the art full time but I had a lot of doubts. He told me it required talent, hard work, perseverance, and blessings. I still remember his other words, "When you have all of this, what's stopping you?" Those words had such a profound effect on me that I left my job and took up Kathak full time.

Cut to 2018... there was a production in Bengaluru called Kathak Yatra, where Maharaj ji was showcasing different aspects of Kathak and I played the role of Radha. I feel blessed to have been performing for him, and to have been a part of his dance ballets. He was a very simple person. He loved rabdi, so whenever he was here, I made it for him. He had a childlike innocence. I never saw him scolding anyone... he had a very different way of pointing out mistakes. If a person wasn't doing the hand movement right, he would mention it in a lighthearted way so that the person wouldn't feel bad.

Maharaj ji always remembered people by names and enquired about their families. Another pearl of wisdom he shared with me was, "As my student, do not seek publicity. Just work hard and everything else will come to you."

(Simran Godhwani is a Kathak dancer and was crowned Mrs India - 2018, First Runner-up, Empress of the Nation)

(As told to Monika Monalisa)



LEARNING MADE EASY

Sign up for a fun learning programme. E-learning platform, Silver Learnings is offering interactive short courses in various topics ranging from health, skills to activities. **When**: Jan 17 onwards **Details**: bookmyshow.com

KALARI CLASSES

Learn Kalaripayattu, an ancient Indian martial art from Kerala that is powerful and dynamic. Attakkalari is streaming online classes for Kalaripayattu along with other dance forms. **When**: Till Jan 30 **Details**: bookmyshow.com

VIRTUAL CYCLOTHON

Sign up for a virtual cyclothon event on the occasion of Republic Day. The participants have to virtually ride and record their activity on any GPS tracking app and submit it online. The event is categorised into 3K to 100K. **When**: Jan 26 **Details**: allevents.in

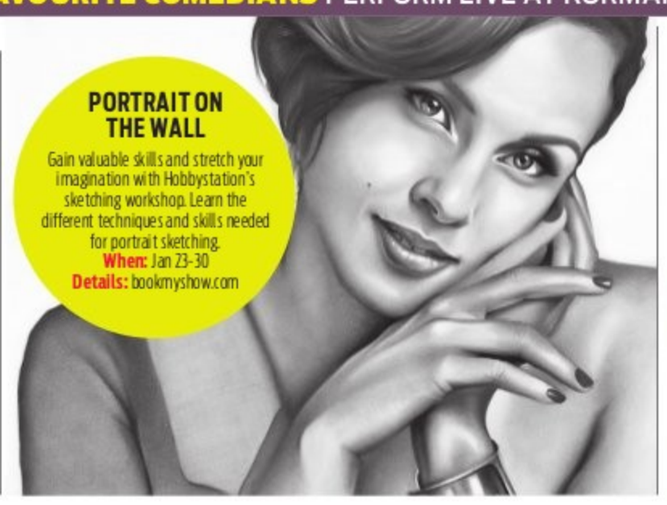
KNIFE PAINTING

Drawing Room is offering an online impasto texture knife painting workshop for all age groups. The kits will be home delivered which will also include reusable metal knives. **When:** Jan 29 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

CATCH YOUR FAVOURITE COMEDIANS PERFORM LIVE AT KORMANGALA COMEDY NIGHTS. WHEN: JAN 21 ONWARDS TICKETS: BOOKMYSHOW.COM

DANCE CLASS

Attakalari Connect offers contemporary dance for kids online. It will be taught by master faculty and your children can master the skill from home. **When:** Till Jan 31 **Details:** bookmyshow.com



PORTRAIT ON THE WALL

Gain valuable skills and stretch your imagination with Hobbystation's sketching workshop. Learn the different techniques and skills needed for portrait sketching. **When:** Jan 23-30 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

FRIDAY DRUNCH

Artiste Adhir Punja is performing live music at Big Rooftop, Rajarajeshwari Nagar. The live acoustic Friday is also accompanied with an elaborate set of food items. **When:** Jan 21, 2:30 onwards **Details:** highape.com

MARATHON CHALLENGE

Where fitness meets competition, Run For Gold is an event organised by the Jewelry Association of Bangalore in Cubbon Park. The run includes a 5K and 10K distance, both starting at 6:30 am. **When**: Jan 23 **Details**: allevents.in

POTTERY WORKSHOP

Want to learn about hand-building and wheel-throwing? Check out the pottery workshop at Lahe Lahe and learn everything you need to know about pottery. **When:** Till Jan 28 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

HONEY CHILLI POTATOES

INGREDIENTS

Potatoes: 100 g
Garlic: 6-7 pods
Corn flour: 1 tsp
Tomato and soy sauce: 1 tsp each
Pepper as per taste
Onion: 1 cup
Bell peppers: 1 cup
Chilli sauce: 1 tsp
Honey: 1 tsp
Vinegar: 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Peel and cut potatoes in any shape and soak in water for 10-15 minutes.
- Add corn flour and pepper to coat potatoes well.
- Deep-fry the potatoes.
- In a pan, add oil, diced onion and bell peppers. Sauté well.
- Now, add soy sauce, vinegar, tomato sauce, honey, and salt and pepper as per taste.
- Make a watery paste of corn flour and water and add it to the mix.
- Add potatoes to the slurry and coat well.
- Garnish with spring onions for presentation.

— Deeksha Kadekar, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

KUNTASANA NAMASKAR

(SPEAR POSE WITH HANDS IN PRAYER)

This pose combines the hip-opening aspects of a squat, with the need for our minds to be completely focussed and in the moment, as we balance. Balancing is the most important aspect of our practice. It helps our nervous system wake up and start building new neural pathways as we work out how to stay balanced on one foot, hand, or head. It also helps our muscles integrate and learn how to communicate to find our centre of gravity. It builds strength in the quadriceps, hip flexors, knee joints, abdominal muscles. This asana must be performed under expert guidance.

STEPS

- From the downward facing dog pose, keep the feet outside the hands and lower the body down into Malasana.
- Your feet need to be pointing out or in.
- Keep your heels down to the floor. If you are unable to do so, a block or rolled-up towel will give you great support and stability.
- Shift the weight onto your right foot, and bring your fingertips to the floor, balancing yourself.
- Lift your left foot, extend it back.
- Bend your left knee and bring the foot near your hip on the left side.
- Focus on flexing the lifted foot and engaging the knee, so that the muscular energy is directed inwards, towards the centre of your body and your core.
- If you are comfortable, lift your hands off the floor and bring the palms together at the heart's centre, in prayer position.
- Pressing the palms together will help to draw your energy and focus inwards.
- Here, wobbling is acceptable, and even encouraged. It allows you to reduce the fear of falling and enjoy the balancing challenge.
- Stay here for 5-10 breaths, or as long as you are comfortable.
- Bring the foot back to the floor and relax.
- Repeat the same procedure on the other side and relax.

BENEFITS

- Relieves stress, anxiety and depression.
- Regular practice of this asana improves core strength.
- Also helps to increase flexibility.
- Improves balance and concentration.
- Stretches and strengthens the knee joints, shoulders, back, hips and legs.
- Beneficial to stimulate the abdominal organs.

LIMITATIONS

- Those who are suffering from severe pain in knee joints, arms, legs, hips, shoulders or lower back injuries, should avoid this asana.
- Pregnant women should not practise this pose.

– By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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NATASAARVABHOWMA

An investigative journalist, Gagan, moves to Bengaluru and ends up living in a supposedly haunted house. Soon, he realises a change in his behaviour after falling prey to supernatural activities.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Anupama Parameswaran, Rachita Ram, B Saroja Devi

DAKOTA EXPRESS

Owners of a bus, Krishna and Sundar, face numerous problems due to poor conditions. However, their life takes a turn when the daughter of the minister takes refuge in their bus.
- Cast: Rockline Venakatesh, N Om Prakash Rao, Doddanna, CH Lokanath

ADYAKSHA

Chandru and Aishwarya, two classmates, assist each other during difficult times in lives. However, trouble begins when they end up falling in love with each other.
- Cast: Sharan, Chikkanna, P Ravi Shankar, Malavika Avinash

YUVARATHNAA

Due to the privatisation of the education sector, RK College is on the verge of closing. However, the principal and a student join hands to prevent it from happening.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Sayyeshaa, Sonu, Dhananjay

HEBBULI

After Ram's brother dies suddenly, he decides to investigate the reason behind his death. However, he must fight against the corrupt system to protect his family and find the truth.
- Cast: Sudeep, Amala Paul, Kabir Duhan Singh, V Ravichandran

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 A VISION OF SUSTAINABLE LIBERATION FOR JUSTICE- IMPACTED PEOPLE BY BRITTANY K BARNETT

Attorney and entrepreneur Brittany K Barnett fights to free people from prison. She shares stories of the innovation languishing in America's prisons and a vision for investing in people whose unjust sentences interrupted their dreams to bring great things to the world.

2 HOW TO ESCAPE THE CYNICISM TRAP BY JAMIL ZAKI

Some days, it's hard to be optimistic. But cynicism is making humanity lonelier and more divided, says psychologist Jamil Zaki. Presenting fascinating research on cooperation, empathy and trust, Zaki makes the scientific case for optimism and shows us how to break out of the cynicism trap.

3 USE YOUR VOICE, VOTE AND WALLET FOR CLIMATE ACTION BY HALLA TÓMASDÓTTIR

Recently back from the COP26 UN climate conference in Scotland, former Icelandic presidential candidate Halla Tómasdóttir sums up the outcomes of the gathering. In conversation with TEDWomen curator Pat Mitchell, Tómasdóttir urges us all to recognize our power and to use our voice, vote and wallet to catalyse meaningful climate action.

4 SIRI, ALEXA, GOOGLE ... WHAT COMES NEXT? BY KAREN LELLOUCHE TORDJMAN

From Siri to Alexa to Google, virtual assistants already permeate our lives. What will the next generation of these digital helpers look and sound like? Customer experience professional Karen Lellouche Tordjman gives us a glimpse of where they're headed.

5 EARTH'S ORIGINAL INHABITANTS AND THEIR ROLE IN COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE BY STEVEN ALLISON

Ecologist Steven Allison explores how extraordinarily adaptable, diverse collections of microorganisms could help solve big global problems like climate change and food insecurity.

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REGIONAL

YEH KAALI KAALI ANKHEIN (Series, Hindi)

Relentlessly pursued by a powerful politician's daughter who will do anything to make him hers, a man slips down a dark, risky path to reclaim his life.

Cast: Anchal Singh, Tahir Raj Bhasin, Shweta Tripathi, Surya Sharma

- Watch on: Netflix

THOOTA (Telugu)

A normal student falls in love with an actress and a year later, they marry. However, their honeymoon doesn't go as planned when mysterious events endanger their lives.

Cast: Dhanush, Sasikumar, Megha Akash

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

BHEEMANTE VAZHI (Malayalam)

Bheeman realises the inconvenience caused by the age-old pathway when he had to take his mother to the hospital for an emergency. Everything takes an interesting turn as he decides to broaden the pathway.

Cast: Kunchacko Boban, Chemban Vinod Jose, Suraj Venjaramoodu

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

KESU EE VEEDINTE NADHAN (Malayalam)

Simple yet smart, sexagenarian Keshu has a loving family and a driving school to call his own. Everything's perfect until he wins a lottery worth crores.

Cast: Dileep, Nadirsha, Kavitha Ranjini, Harisree Ashokan

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

PUTHAM PUDHU KAALAI VIDIYAADHAA... (Series, Tamil)

This takes the legacy of the first anthology forward and once again brings together five original and inspirational voices of contemporary Tamil cinema — Halitha Shameem, Balaji Mohan, Richard Anthony, Surya Krishna and Madhumita — with new stories of hope and love that celebrate the resilient human spirit in these uncertain times.

Cast: Arjun Das, Lijomol Jose, Gouri G Kishan, TeeJay Arunasalam, Aishwarya Lekshmi, Sananth, Dhilip Subbarayan, Nadiya Moidu, Joju George

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

MGR MAGAN (Tamil)

An estranged father and son must join hands to save a medicinal mountain from the claws of a businessman.

Cast: Mirnalini Ravi, M Sasikumar, Nandita Swetha, Samuthirakani

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

KURUP (Malayalam)

Sukumara Kurup, a consummate criminal, sets out to find a man of similar appearance to falsify his own death and claim insurance money.

Cast: Dulquer Salmaan, Sobhita Dhulipala, Tovino Thomas, Manoj Bajpayee

- Watch on: Netflix

FOREIGN

THE BOOK OF BOBA FETT (Series, English)

On the sands of Tatoonie, bounty hunter Boba Fett and mercenary Fennec Shand navigate the Galaxy's underworld and fight for Jabba the Hutt's old territory.

Cast: Temuera Morrison, Ming-Na Wen, Jennifer Beals, George Lucas,

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

GHOST IN THE SHELL (English)

In the near future, Mira, the first cyber-human, must stop the growing cyber-terrorism. After discovering a secret of her identity, she sets out to learn more about her obscured past.

Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Pilou Asbæk, Michael Pitt, Juliette Binoche

- Watch on: Sony Liv

LATE NIGHT (English)

An acclaimed late-night show host is forced to hire a female writer because of her decline in popularity. Soon, things go haywire when her personal emails are leaked.

Cast: Emma Thompson, Mindy Kaling, Hugh Dancy, Reid Scott

- Watch on: Netflix

RESPECT (English)

Following the rise of Aretha Franklin's career from a child singing in her father's church's choir to her international superstardom, "Respect" is the remarkable true story of the music icon's journey to find her voice.

Cast: Jennifer Hudson, Forest Whitaker, Marlon Wayans

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

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Apple TV: ₹ 99 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Netflix: ₹ 149 per month

SUIT YOURSELF

Giving a fun twist to traditional business attire, designer Laxmi Krishna is releasing her new creation of single pieces, all of which are cut from the suit material

MONIKA MONALISA

IF you are working long hours and end up at an after party in the same formals, then fashion designer Laxmi Krishna's latest collection could be the answer for you. Giving a fun twist to suits, Krishna is releasing her single pieces which will help you suit up in style. This collection is sported by popular Sandalwood actors, Radhika Narayan, Sindhu Loknath among others.

A crochet suit with a skirt. Sounds hard to imagine right? But that's one of the pieces from her collection. "Crochet is something that girls prefer wearing with a jacket, but I've made it a standalone piece which is paired with a skirt. It gives a sexy and classy look," says Krishna, adding that her love for crochet started more than a decade ago when she was living in London.

The material she used is dark pinstripe suits to have that 'crisp and professional look'. This particular piece was donned by Narayan, who looked ready to take on the world in spite of the raging pandemic. "Radhika has a very professional and disciplined look. I thought this style would best suit her and she carried it off really well," says Krishna, adding that she also shot Narayan in another suit from the collection which is a white pinstripe suit. "It was almost like showing the same person in two contrasting colours," she adds.

I've experimented with various styles and colours in this particular collection. There's one design that is in complete red. I've made sure that my trademark style comes through
Laxmi Krishna, designer

Apart from that, she has also played with bold colours and tried to follow colour blocking techniques. "I tried a fluorescent yellow coloured suit with short pants. You can button it up for a formal meeting or keep the buttons undone for a brunch," says Krishna, who picked Loknath for this piece. "The colour looks stunning on her and goes along with her cute image," she adds.

While it's assumed that there are only particular colours that go well while suiting up, Krishna urges people to move ahead from that thought. "Nowadays, people are more accepting of what colours go well together. It completely depends on your imagination. You can go for sparkles, neons, florals... the options are endless,' says Krishna.

Along with colour blocking, the collection also has an old-school "secretary look" suit, which is donned by actor Priyanka Thimmesh. "I love that look with double-buttoned blazers paired with skirts. I wanted to experiment without missing the classic look. But I also wanted to keep my trademark in it and made it in red," says Krishna, adding that she was happy that Thimmesh was able to pull it off.

Mobile phone: Upward, backward, or bent mobility?

IN the decades preceding the 1980s, it was common to spot people standing by the roadside with a hand to the ear, and there were no second thoughts of walking up and asking, "What's the score?" That posture is a common sight today, too, only that the hand to the ear grips a mobile phone instead of a pocket transistor relaying sports commentary, a song or the news of the world.

Those were times when one hadn't heard of the mobile phone, although some like Sir Arthur C Clarke, science-fiction writer and futurist who fictionally popularised space travel, had forecast the coming of a "small communication unit" (again through fiction) that could connect people in different corners of the world in a wireless mode.

His foresight, however fictional then, scored a bull's-eye with the progress in communication technology culminating in a mobile phone in early 1970s in New York, but which came to India only in the 1990s – a wireless derivative of the telephone, which enjoys a 146-year-old history.

Clarke wrote about it when landline telephones still ruled the roost, with most Indian families nursing a degree of pride in owning an instrument, a measure of one's status then.

The progress resulted in shrinking the world into a pocket. Must admit, it has come handy at a time when a massive Covid-19 pandemic is forcing people to not just work from home, but to conduct life itself from home. One can sit in a spot and order life about, only to get up to receive deliveries at the doorstep. The magic, of course, is worked out by the numerous apps filling the phone spaces - but still it's ultimately the mobile phone and the satellite-based technologies like global positioning system that are aiding it.

But the evolution of technology has changed us. In the old days, when the landline announced an incoming call with its shrill ring, one would pick it up, ask who is speaking and who needs to be spoken to, and the entire household (sometimes even the neighbours) knew who called and for whom. Not so with the mobile phone, with which our communications – whether spoken or through messages – have become extremely private, almost to the point of secrecy.

Its impact may well be observed in behavioural changes, mainly among the urban kids. They have access to these tools as schools too have moved from physical classrooms to their homes. The privacy and secrecy factors have engulfed the little ones too. Many parents complain about their inability to keep a check on what other material their kids access on the pretext of accessing online lessons. In many cases, children know far more than their parents about using and accessing details on mobile phones – a tricky situation that leaves the latter stumped.

The psycho-social impact of it on children can only be guessed as kids get access to unreal situations on the screens than to real ones in life around them, unimaginably compromising life and social skills.

Age-wise impacts apart, the mobile phone has made us so private, that often others at home are oblivious to any among the family members being on a call. I hear me being called by my family members (not on the phone, but through a throaty sound by straining the voice box) for lunch, dinner or an errand to run, without realising that I might be in the middle of a professional call. How can I blame them?

One thing I am sure of: If Charles Darwin was alive he would have predicted humans to evolve with heads bent forward from their necks!

ILLUSTRATION: SOUMYADIP SINHA

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NFTs in the music industry

NFTs are changing the arts and the creative industry as a whole. So, what are they and how have they made an impact?

What are NFTs?

NFTs, or non-fungible tokens, allow artistes to create digital works (in any format) and sell them directly to their fans via blockchain. It is a unique way to "own" art and has provided a great deal of creative and financial freedom to artists, and particularly musicians. Buyers of music-based NFTs have said that they are happy to spend money on their favourite artistes, and that owning their music feels similar to collecting art for their homes.

How have NFTs made life easier for musicians?

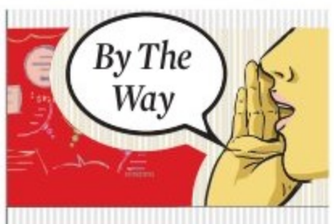
Even before the pandemic, we were in a streaming-first era. And for many artistes, it is notoriously difficult to make a decent living from streams alone. Even popular musicians with millions of fans have had to take on other music-related jobs (like production) to pay the bills. NFTs present an alternative to the current system of streaming and labels. One artist describes them as "creating a musical middle class," allowing artists to make a sustainable living from their music, while giving them creative freedom and allowing them to own their masters. In countries like the United States of America, NFTs are providing more than a source of steady income; they help create a dedicated and engaged fanbase on crypto and NFT-discussion-heavy platforms like Discord.

Some examples of musicians who have sold NFTs: Steve Aoki, Shawn Mendes, Kings of Leon, and many more. Closer to home, Sonu Nigam was India's first musician to embrace the NFT era, launching his collection in London.

Future of NFTs

There are many reasons to be skeptical about the long-term viability of NFTs. Many have already raised concerns about their utility and scalability.

We still don't know if NFTs are a sustainable, long-term way for musicians to make a living, or simply a trend fuelled by a bullish crypto market. Only time will tell if this is a revolutionary new concept in the world of music. However, it is hard to deny that they have already been a transformative force in the lives of many musicians, presenting a powerful and viable way to make a living from making music alone.



Friends Forever

The friendship between artist Baadal Nanjundswamy and actor Dhananjaya goes back a long way. The actor is currently riding high on his last two releases - *Pushpa-The Rise* and *Badava Rascal*. Nanjundswamy recently posted a pic on his Instagram of him playfully hugging and lifting the actor. That makes for some good bromance.

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

SNAKES & LADDERS

WHEN we were all teenagers hanging out in our ancestral home for holidays, a family elder saw us all sitting around being bored and seemingly scheming something wild to entertain ourselves, told us in that cautionary voice, "Remember that it is a stairway to heaven but a very quick slide all the way to hell." I still don't know what it was that brought up that dire warning from that esteemed relative – we were all only planning a day of planning snakes and ladders at best.

For whatever reason, that statement stayed in memory. One hears versions of it all over the place. Things take forever to build and only moments to destroy. Kids play shows it – they would take hours to build something with their Lego sets and bring it all down in an instant. In this world of social media, one thoughtless tweet can destroy not only one's internet following but can have very real consequences including complaints to the police, being mobbed by outraged crowds, getting cancelled and seeing one's life and livelihood trashed. It really is a very quick slide to hell.

Love and relationships are something like that. It takes so long to develop that deep sense of trust, the sense of belonging and intimacy with one another, and takes moments to tear it all down.

It is actually harder in some ways in relationships – the ladder we used the first time to build up trust, affection, belonging or intimacy will likely not work any longer. If we won a partner's affections by being attentive and caring in the first place, the same is not enough a second time around if we had in some way betrayed their trust. We can't seem to get them to love us again just by again being caring. More is called for. Yet, if we lost it in a moment of rage, we could lose it next time without even getting to that point of rage. We need to find new ladders though the old snakes seem to multiply with each fall.

For the most part, it feels like any time we have a fall or there is an erosion in trust, affection or anything else that holds up a relationship, it takes twice as long to build it up again. It is so much harder to regain the same level after it has been broken. Many times, the level we can reach is lower than before and even that feels tenuous at best.

The snakes and ladders game in love and relationships seem to have reduced ceilings each time we mess up. When that happens, often we freeze, not wanting to risk it shrinking further. We don't make much of a move at all, worried of losing it even more, and we stay in suboptimal relationships, fearful and at the same time, unfulfilled.

As with games as kids, we might lose often, but the only real loss is if we stop playing altogether. Tough as it is, we need to find new ladders to love, or even start a new game altogether.

CITY READ

Arts' collective launches online project

Bengaluru-based arts' collective Sandbox Collective has launched 'See - Saw', an online project between artistes in Bengaluru. This is in association with Goethe - Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan, Bangalore. The project aims to collectively reflect on themes of identity, prejudice, people and communities and allow for a multi-sensorial experience. The 10-week artistic exchange between anonymously paired city-based artists comprised over 80 responses. The website will give insights into the notes and letters that were born during these artistic exchanges and will throw light on various artworks and themes. For details, visit the Sandbox Collective website.

Vinay Rajkumar

VINAY RAJKUMAR'S PEPE IS A GRITTY GANGSTER DRAMA

Pepe director Shreelesh S Nair and its lead actor Vinay Rajkumar spill some beans about their upcoming film

A SHARADHAA

VINAY Rajkumar is leaving no stone unturned for his upcoming film *Pepe*. The first look poster and a still from the film were recently making the rounds on social media. Now, in a chat with *CE*, Director Shreelesh S Nair and Vinay Kumar share more details on the film. "*Pepe* is a gangster crime drama, which will be raw, gritty and entertaining," the director says.

"Set in the timeline —1970 to 2020, the film features about 40 to 50 actors. Apart from Vinay, the film stars Aruna Balaraj and many newcomers. Among them Kitty, Sandhya Arakere, Shivu, Medini, Kelamane, and Kaajal Kunder will be seen in pivotal roles," reveals Shreelesh.

The makers have finished sixty percent of shooting, and are awaiting the third wave to settle down before starting the next session.

Shreelesh S Nair

Talking about the film Vinay says, "It is an intense film with action, emotion, and drama. It is set in the backdrop of Coorg. The film has been shaping up well."

Pepe, bankrolled by Udaya Shankara S, has Poorchandra Tejaswi scoring the music and Samarth Upadya handling the cinematography. Editing is handled by Manu Shedgar. Vinay also has another interesting project in line, which is titled *Andonditu Kaala*. "I have just three days to complete the shoot for Keerthi's directorial venture. Meanwhile, the actor is getting ready to start two more projects."

BOLLYWOOD PAYS HOMAGE TO DANCE GURU

CE FEATURES

KATHAK legend Birju Maharaj passed away following a heart attack on Sunday in Delhi. He was 83. An exponent of the Lucknow gharana, Birju Maharaj taught and popularized Kathak dance across the world. He composed and sang for two dance sequences in Satyajit Ray's *Shatranj ke Khilari* (1977). He also composed and choreographed the song, 'Kaahe Chhed Mohe', in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Devdas. It was picturised on Madhuri Dixit.

Birju Maharaj won the National Award for choreographing 'Unnai Kaanadhu Naan' in the Kamal Haasan-starrer 'Vishwaroopam' and a Filmfare Award for the Bajirao Mastani track 'Mohe Rang Do Laal'. Several personalities mourned Birju Maharaj's demise on Twitter. Filmmaker Subhash Ghai tweeted that he first learned from Maharaj ji during a college festival.

"My first learning from kathak dance maestro was in my college youth festival when he expressed a romantic conversation between lord krishna n radha thru his two eyes talking. I learnt 'DANCE means body but soul is in eyes. That's yhe was a Jagat guru in kathak. RIP BIRJU SIR," Subhash wrote. Actor-politician Hema Malini tweeted, "His ghungroos were on his ankles till he breathed his last. I always admired and respected him as a giant of the medium of Kathak and will miss his presence on the firmament of dance."

Hindi dubbed version of Allu Arjun's *Ala Vaikunthapurramulo* to release on January 26

CE FEATURES

WITH the Hindi version of Allu Arjun's *Pushpa*, making unprecedented inroads in the Hindi belt, the makers of his previous blockbuster, *Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo*, have decided to cash in on the actor's popularity.

A Hindi dubbed version of the 2020 megahit film directed by Trivikram Srinivas is set to hit the theatres on January 26. *Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo* also starred Pooja Hegde, Sachin Khedekar, Tabu, Murali Sharma, Jayaram, Nivetha Pethuraj and Samuthirakani in important roles.

Satya Hegde

Cinematographer Satya Hegde turns producer with Mansore's short film, *The Critic*

CE FEATURES

WELL-known cinematographer Satya Hegde is all set to don the producer's hat for short films. He shares details of his first short film set to be out on his YouTube channel, Satyahegdestudios. Titled, *The Critic*, the short is directed by National award-winning filmmaker Mansore. It features veteran actor-director Nagabharana and Shilpa Hegde.

The 10-minute short made under the banner, Satyahegdestudios, is based on the short story penned by B M Basheer. It also has Guruprasad Narnad, Ronada Bakkesh, Srinivas Kalal, and Unifi Media associated with the project.

The short film producer says, "The content that cannot be brought out on the big screen, can be done using short films. I plan to bring out some of the best shorts, which will be out on the second Sundays of every month on my YouTube channel Satyahegdestudios." Satya also mentions that he will only stay as a producer and will not be handling the camerawork for any short films.

The cinematographer-turned-producer invites experienced directors, actors, technicians, and fresh talents from different backgrounds to make use of this platform. "Whoever is interested to make short films, we will provide the best technical facilities, which they can make use of," he says. DOP Abhishek Kasargod has directed a short film for the banner. Titled *Puppet*, the film will be out on February 13.

'MAN OR WOMAN, CONSENT IS A TWO-WAY STREET'

... says actor Tahir Raj Bhasin, as he speaks about playing a man at the receiving end of unwarranted attention in the Netflix show, *Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein*

PRIYANKA SUNDAR

PURSUIT is half the thrill of romance, it is often said, and our films would definitely have us believe that. Almost every star, including Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Vijay, and Ajith, have done films in which they pursue a woman and eventually win her. What if the other party says no though? In a role-reversal, the person being pursued in *Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein* is a man, Vikrant played by Tahir Raj Bhasin, and the pursuer, a passionate one at that, is Purva played by Anchal. Tahir is already in love with a college mate, Shika portrayed by Shweta Tripathi, and the show digs into the dynamics of this love triangle.

Here are Shweta Tripathi, Tahir Raj Bhasin and Anchal, speaking of what they believe makes this show tick:

What compelled you to say yes to the roles of Shika and Purva, respectively?

Shweta Tripathi (ST): You know with all the dark, drama, heavy stuff that I have been doing, I wanted to explore love with Shika's character. She is different from all the characters that I have played so far. It took me a while to understand and accept that somebody's driving force in life can be love.

Anchal

I understood its strength, its colour, and how hard it is to put labels of right and wrong on it. I think it should not be forced; it should be felt. This is what I love about Vikrant and Shika.

Aanchal (A): I love how beautifully layered and complex Purva is. I love the similarity between Purva and Shika—about how both of them are madly in love with the same man. However, their manner of pursuit is different. It's like two perspectives about the same thing. I also liked how Vikrant sees my character, and how it tells you a lot about her.

Tahir, what's it like to play the unusual role of a man who gets plenty of unwarranted romantic attention?

Tahir Raj Bhasin (TRB): This is the first time that I am exploring romance, in fact. It is incredible to have two actresses — beautiful and talented — to play off. As for your question, I think there's an added dynamic here: the woman who pursues me is the daughter of a powerful person. I found it interesting that the show speaks of how a man responds when a power structure tries to control him. I think it's a metaphor.

What's it like to be at the end of unwanted interest? Uncomfortable. However, that's what makes acting interesting. You pick scripts so far removed from your life that you get a chance to be in the most dramatic situations. This makes it entertaining and interesting for the audience to watch.

How did you set about communicating Vikrant's frustration and anger?

TRB: As actors, you tap into a moment, a feeling you have had, and sometimes not even had but seen. Depending on the circumstance, you then magnify it to suit the situation. What is incredibly interesting about Vikrant is how he's an ordinary guy in an extraordinary circumstance. All he wants in life is to be together with Shika and to move to a small town, and to have his dream job, his dream house. Those dreams come tumbling down when a power structure interferes. As an actor, it was important for me to ask where his frustration comes from. To get to the root of that, I asked what was most important to me. Everyone has a tipping point. When someone fiddles with that, you move from frustration to anger to action. This was the exciting aspect of Vikrant for me as an actor.

Shika gets desperate too. Shweta, how did you process this?

ST: All actors have different ways through which they approach characters and stories. I like to think and feel what the character is feeling. As Tahir said, we get to play and experience emotions which we would not in our life otherwise. That makes it all so exciting.

Shweta Tripathi

Shika feels frustration because she loves this man and has envisioned her life with him. She has dreamt about everything, discussed every detail—from the puppy they would have to when they intend to have children— but then, the foundation gets shaken. What does she do? Is it his fault? She knows it's not, which makes it more difficult. She can't move on because he loves her, and she loves him. So, the idea is to try and hold on to that bond. However, when the family gets dragged in, Shika wonders if she's being too selfish. It is all complicated and beautiful.

Anchal, what do you think drives Purva's pursuit of Vikram?

A: I think she believes that everything is fair in love and war. If she is doing this in the name of love, then she thinks it's justified. Though it can be uncomfortable if you are seeing it from the outside, but when you are in that moment, you may feel justified in your actions. I think there's an innocence and even a childlike quality to her. Where she just goes, "Mujhe toh abhi pyaar chahiye bas apna. *Mujhe aur kuchh bhi nahi dikhta hai*!" This was the aspect I tried to tap into.

Is there a duality here between innocent love and a need for possession? Does Vikrant see it like that?

TRB: There are two perspectives here, I think. Does Vikrant see a duality in Purva's character? Absolutely not. I think consent is important, and that is a two-way street, no matter who we are talking about, guy or girl.

As an individual though, if I look at it objectively from the outside, I do see a certain duality in the fact that it turns the table on passionate love. So often in cinema, the world over, we see a man passionately in love with a woman and going to the end of the world in order to do whatever he can to get her. But here, it is the woman. Certain section of the audience might see that as overly romantic. The thing that gives it a very dark tinge here is that here it is not only Purva's character that Vikrant and the audience are responding to. It is the power structure that backs her up as well. The consequence of his refusal make life complicated for Vikrant. This is where that duality gets mired in shades of grey. It's fascinating, really.

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